

Using a Hierarchy of Modeling Approaches to Mine a Rich Dataset of Greenhouse Gas Fluxes Measurements: Experiences Derived from a Meso-network of Agricultural and Restored Wetland Sites in the Peat-Rich Delta of California

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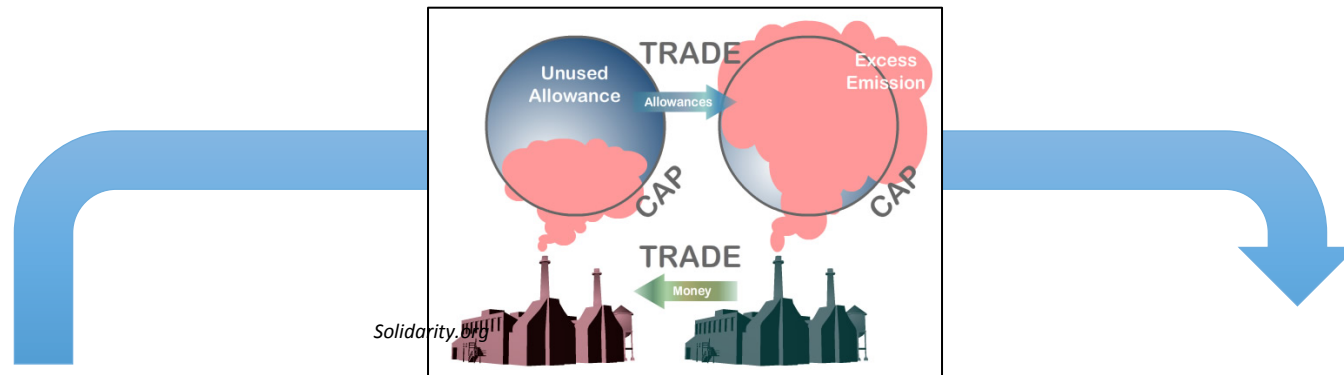
The Problem: Oxidation and Subsidence of Peatland

PEAT SOIL >18m



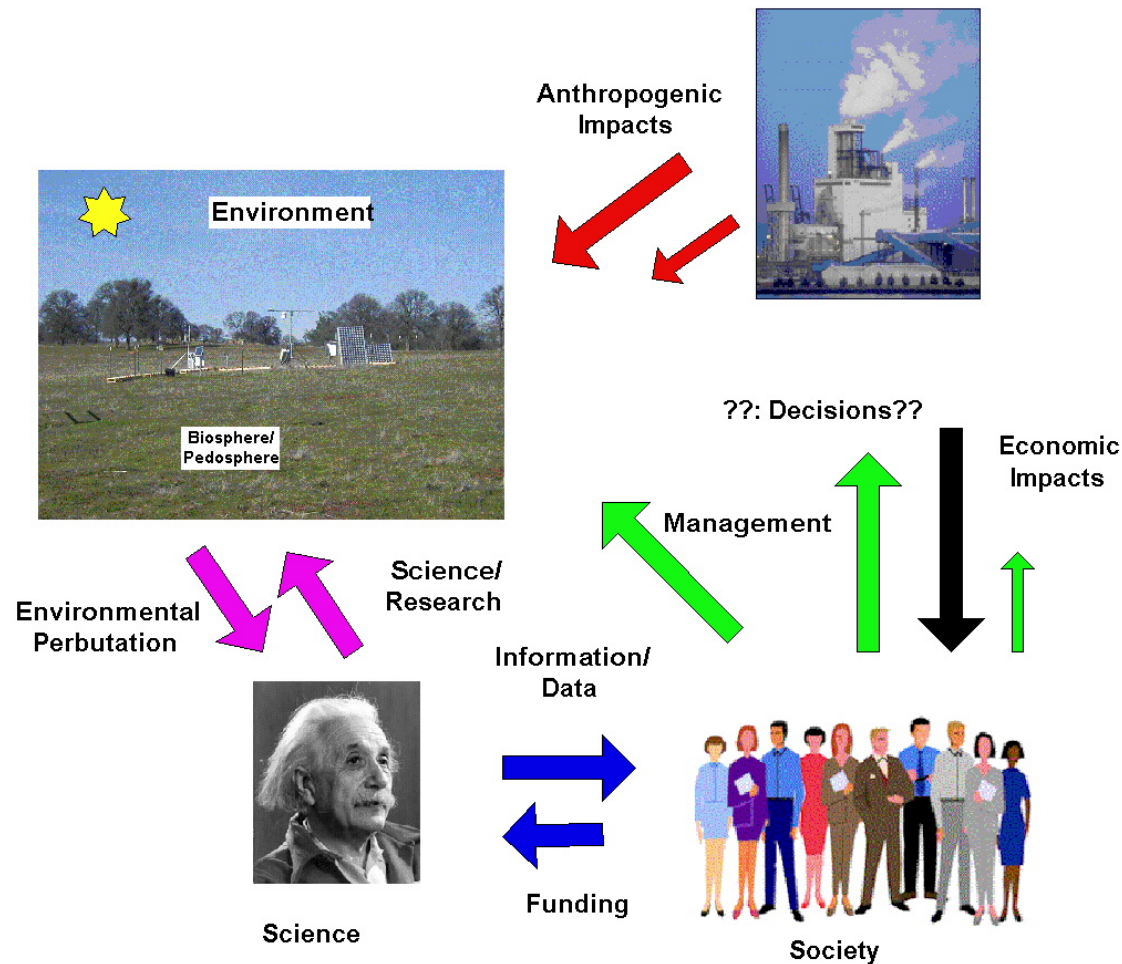
- 100+ yr loss of ~ 1 Pg of C
- Water Source and Conduit for 20+ million Californians

Solution: Restore Wetlands, Sell Carbon Credits to Cap and Trade Market



Can We Re-Convert the Land to a Carbon Sink by Replacing Agriculture with Restored Wetlands?
What are the Unintended Costs of Flooding the Land, in terms of Greenhouse Gas production?
Can We Estimate Net Carbon Fluxes with Simple Models and Inputs?

Approach: Measure and Model Greenhouse Gas Fluxes to Assess Efficacy of Land Use Change and Unintended Consequences



Use Science to Better Inform Policy and Societal Actions

Outline

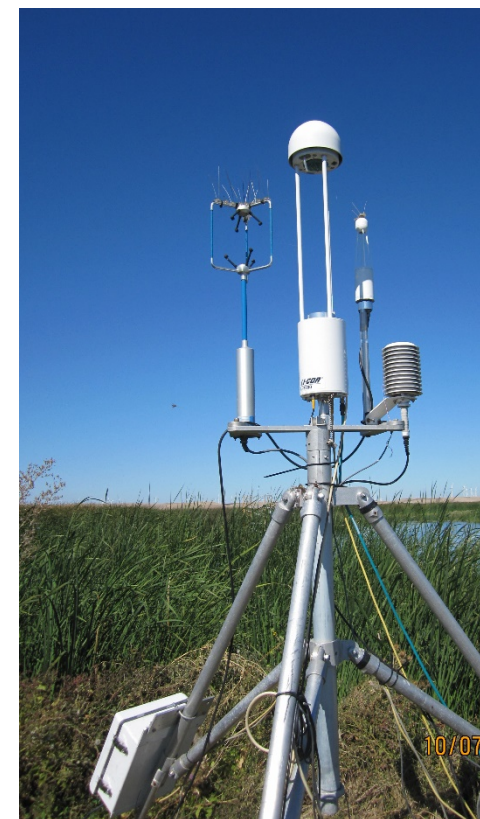
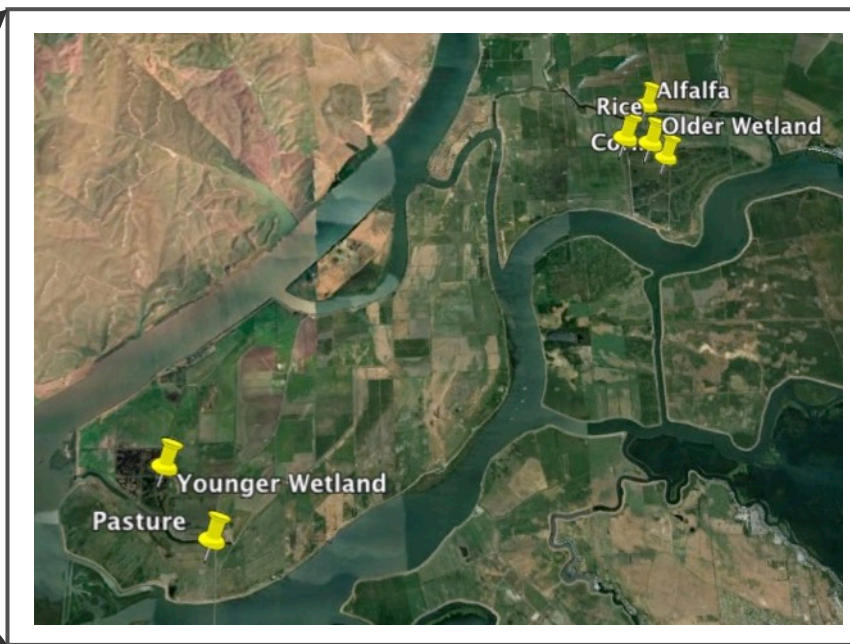
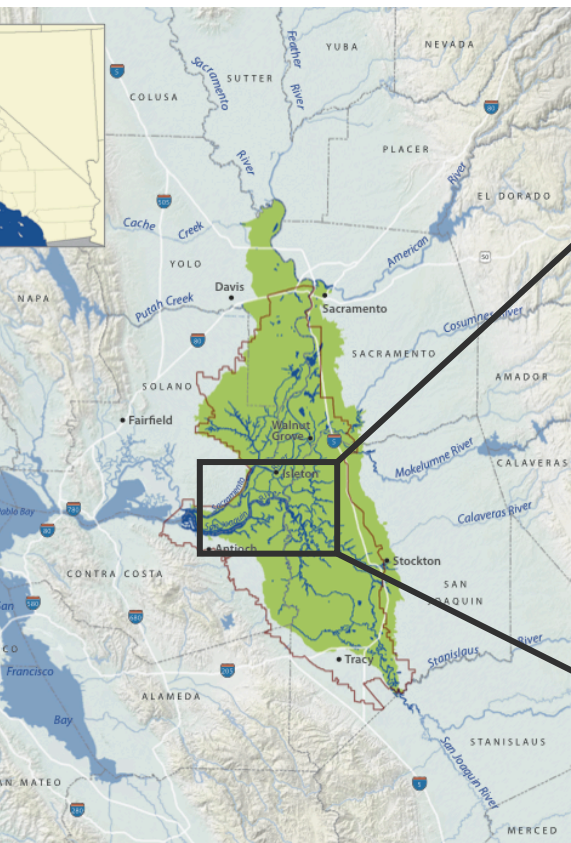
Test the Performance of a Hierarchy of Simple to Complex CO₂ and CH₄ Flux Models for Applied and Basic Problems and Questions

Deconstruct Model Performance for the Plant and Soil Compartments

Use Emerging Math Methods to Discover New Information in our Data about Covariances, Leads/Lags and Pulses between Fluxes and Biophysical Variables across a Spectrum of Time Scales

- Guide to Future Model Evolution

Venue: UC Berkeley Meso-Network of Eddy Covariance Flux Stations



San Francisco Estuary Institute-Aquatic Science Center, 2012

Models Used

- Dynamics Pool Models

- Fit parameters with Flux measurements and Bayesian Statistics to produce simple models for assessment of Greenhouse Gas Budgets for Carbon Markets

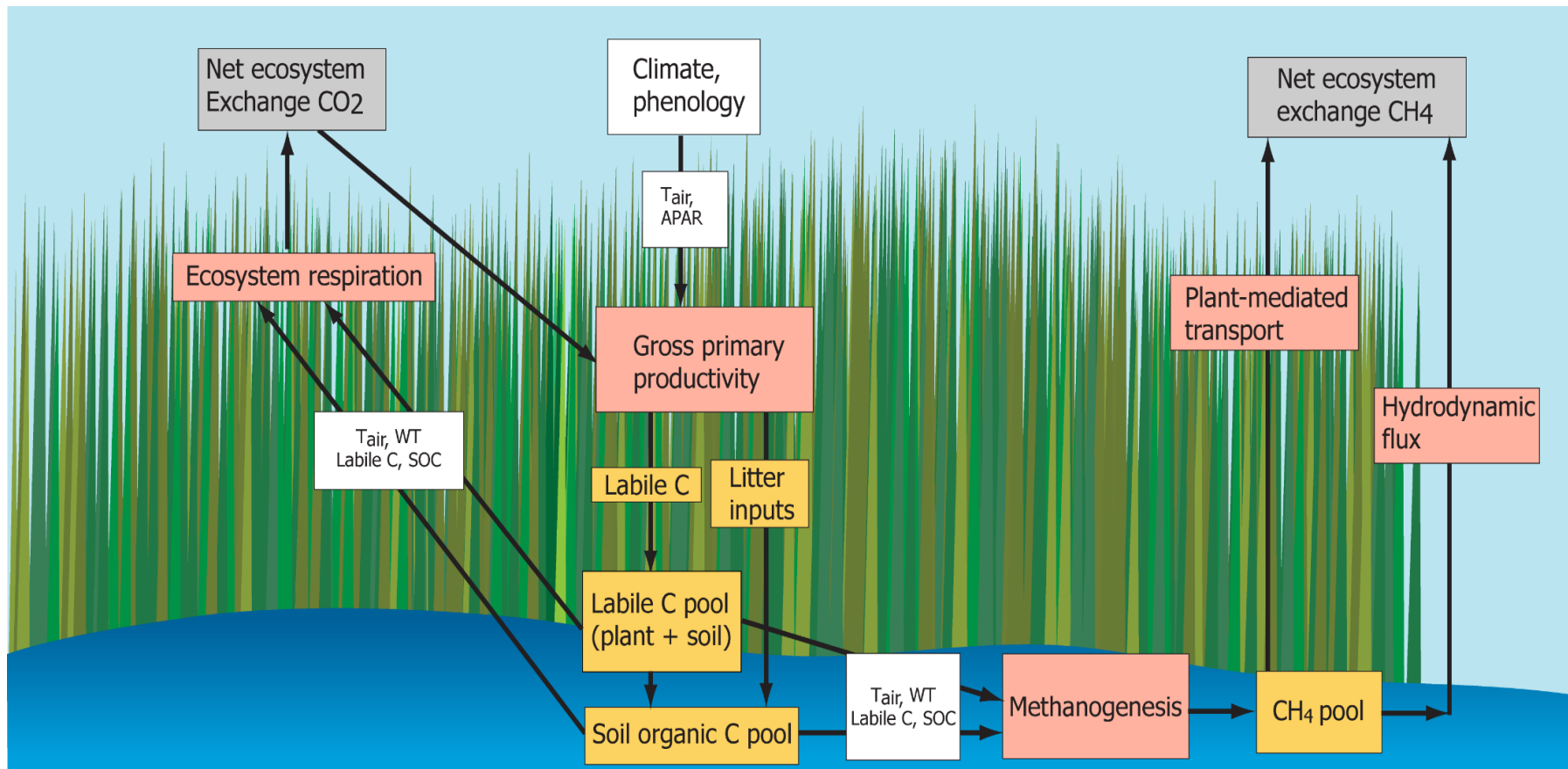
- Process-Based and Mechanistic Biophysical Models, CANVEG

- Understand the fundamental processes Modulating C Exchange of Plant and Soil Compartments Fluxes
- Predict future fluxes

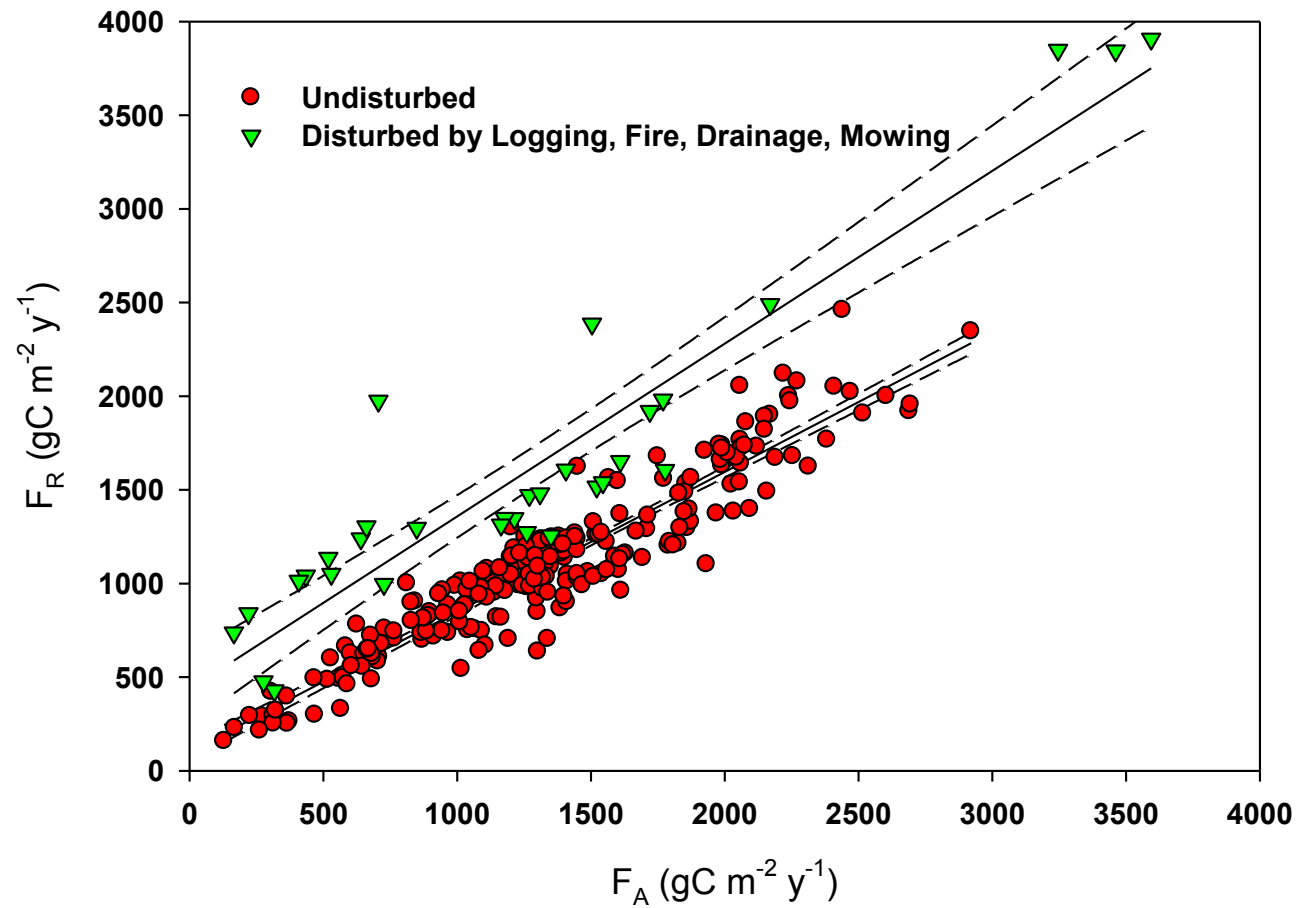
- Statistical/Empirical Models

- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to Gap Fill Flux Data and Compute Daily and Annual Integrals
- Mutual Information Theory, Granger Causality and Artificial Neural Networks to discover Modulation of Fluxes by Biophysical Variables at Different Time Scales (hourly, daily, weekly, seasonal, annual), Roles of Non-Linear Interactions and Leads and Lags

PEPRMT Model: Soil Fluxes are Coupled to Plants



Premise: Ecosystem Respiration Scales Tightly with Ecosystem Photosynthesis



Key Algorithms

Light Use Efficiency Model for Photosynthesis

$$GPP = LUE * APAR * f(T_k)$$

Boltzmann Function for Temperature Kinetics

$$f(T_k) = \frac{H_d \exp\left(\frac{H_a(T_k - T_{opt})}{T_k R T_{opt}}\right)}{H_d - (1 - \exp\left(\frac{H_d(T_k - T_{opt})}{T_k R T_{opt}}\right))}$$

Michaelis-Menten Enzyme Kinetics for
Methane Production and Oxidation

$$R_{eco} = \left(\frac{V_{max,SOC} [C_{SOC}]}{K_{m,SOC} + [C_{SOC}]} + \frac{V_{max,Labile} [C_{Labile}]}{K_{m,Labile} + [C_{Labile}]} \right) * (1 - f(WT))$$

$$R_{CH_4} = \left(\frac{V_{max,SOC} [C_{SOC}]}{K_{m,SOC} + [C_{SOC}]} + \frac{V_{max,Labile} [C_{Labile}]}{K_{m,Labile} + [C_{Labile}]} \right) * (1 - f(WT))$$

$$O_{CH_4} = \left(\frac{V_{max,CH_4} [C_{CH_4}]}{K_{m,CH_4} + [C_{CH_4}]} \right) * (1 - f(WT))$$

Model Data Fusion

Bayes Theorem

$$p(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x, y) \propto p(\theta_1 | y, \theta_2, x) \cdot p(\theta_1) \cdot p(\theta_2)$$

Parameters, given data

Likelihood, Data model

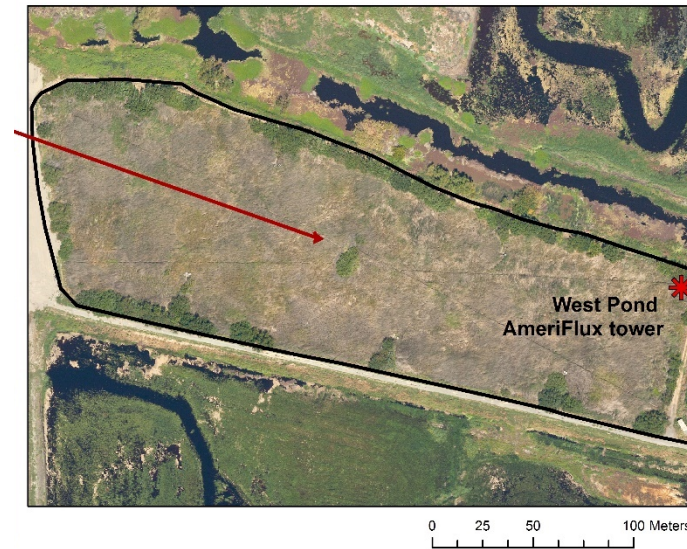
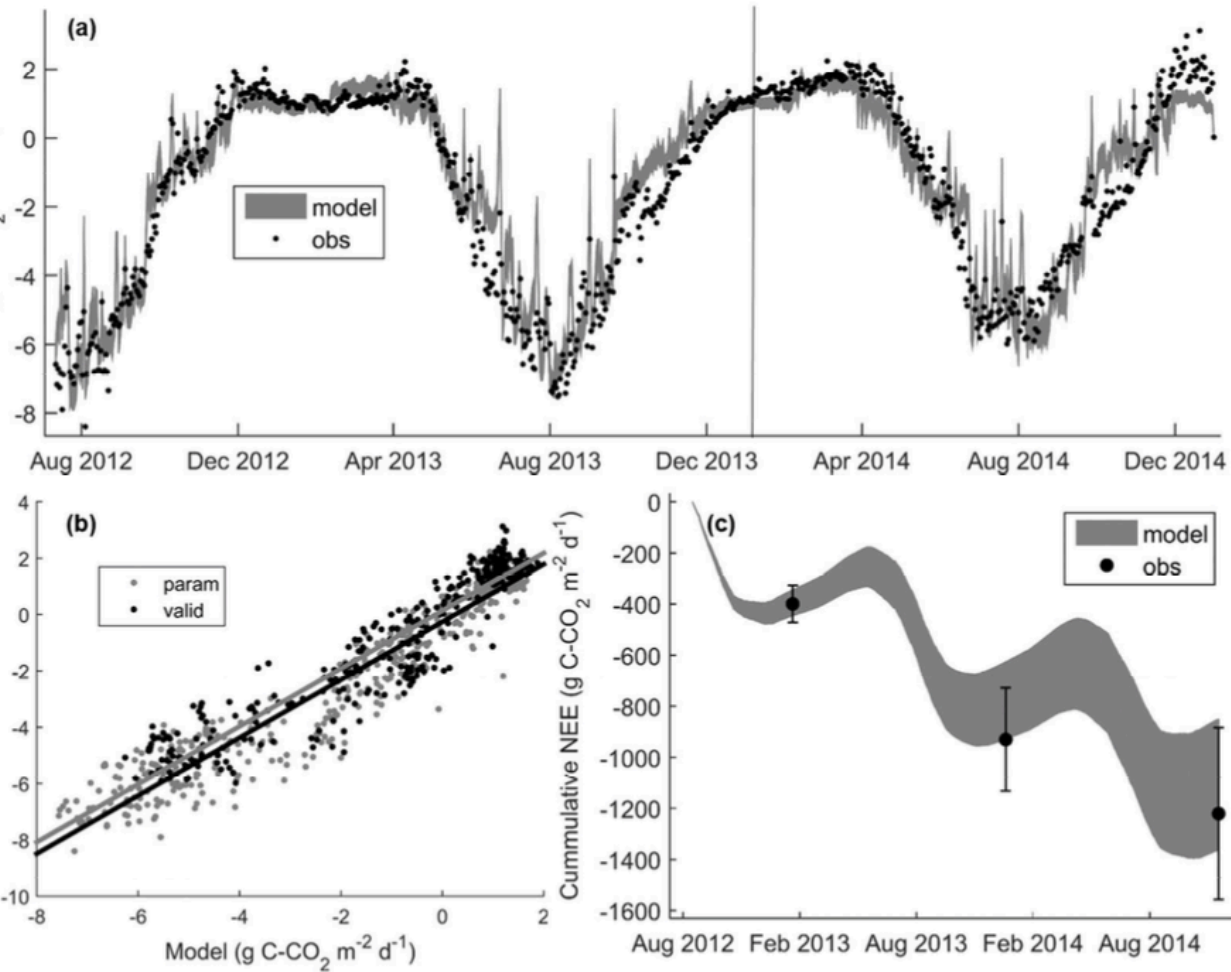
Priors, Parameter Model

- Search Parameter space with Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) approach with a delayed rejection adaptive Metropolis-Hastings algorithm

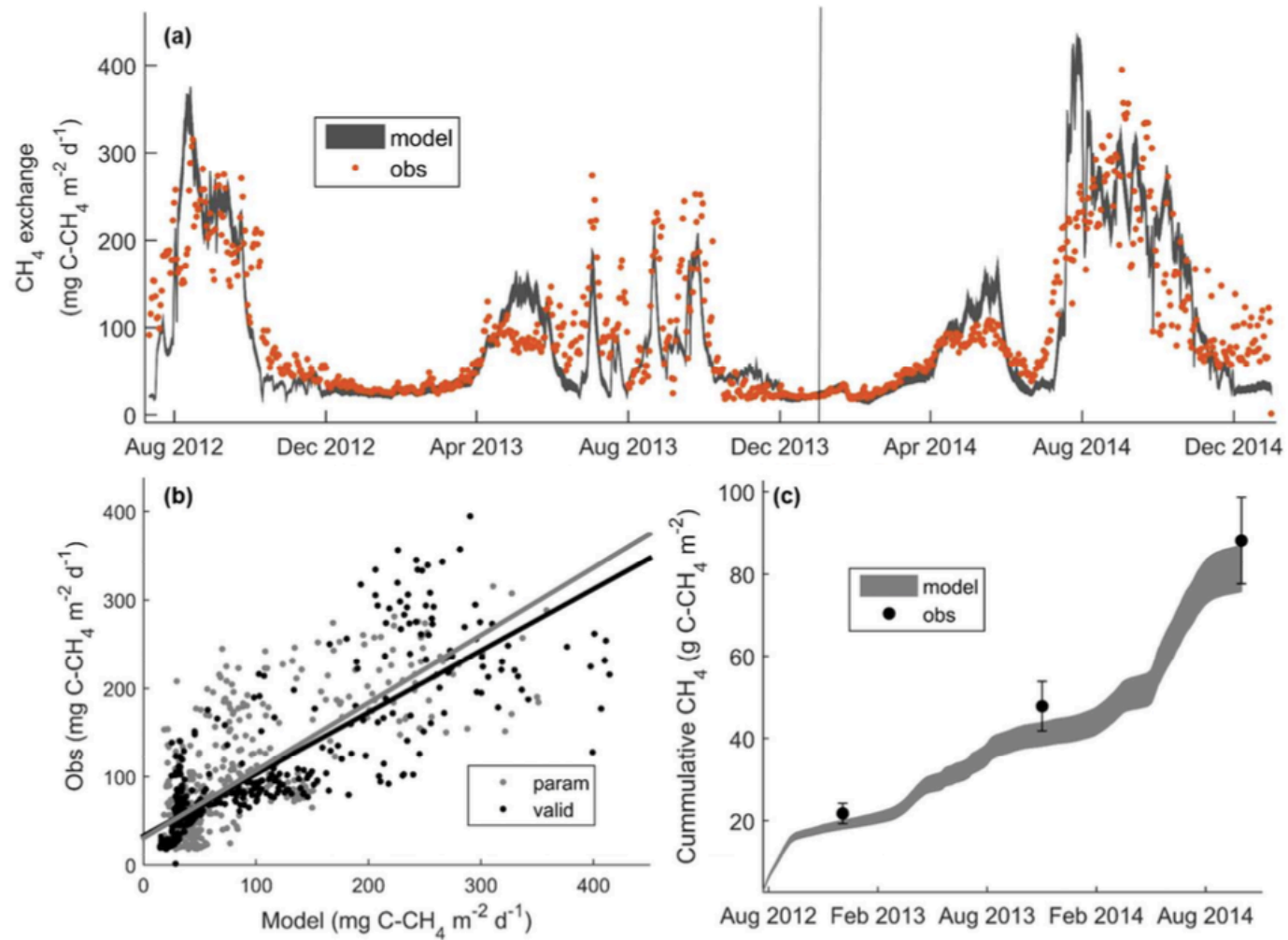
$$J = \sum_{t=1}^N \left(\frac{y(t) - p(t)}{\sigma(T)} \right)^2$$

Likelihood Function

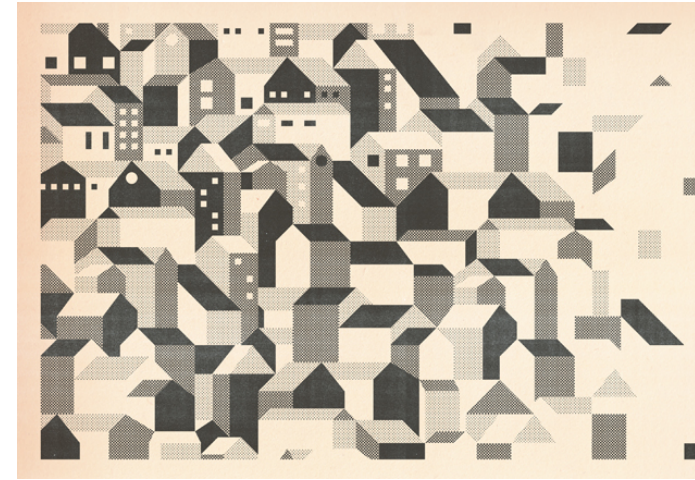
Model Performance: CO₂ Exchange of Restored Wetland



Model Performance: CH₄ Exchange of Restored Wetland



Deconstructing the Model



Model and Measure Photosynthesis

- How Much Detail in the Model
- Potential Biases and Errors in Canopy Photosynthesis Measurements

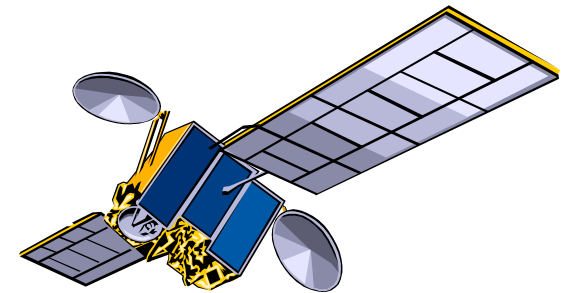
Soil Respiration and Methane Production

- Roles of Water Table, Photosynthesis and Temperature

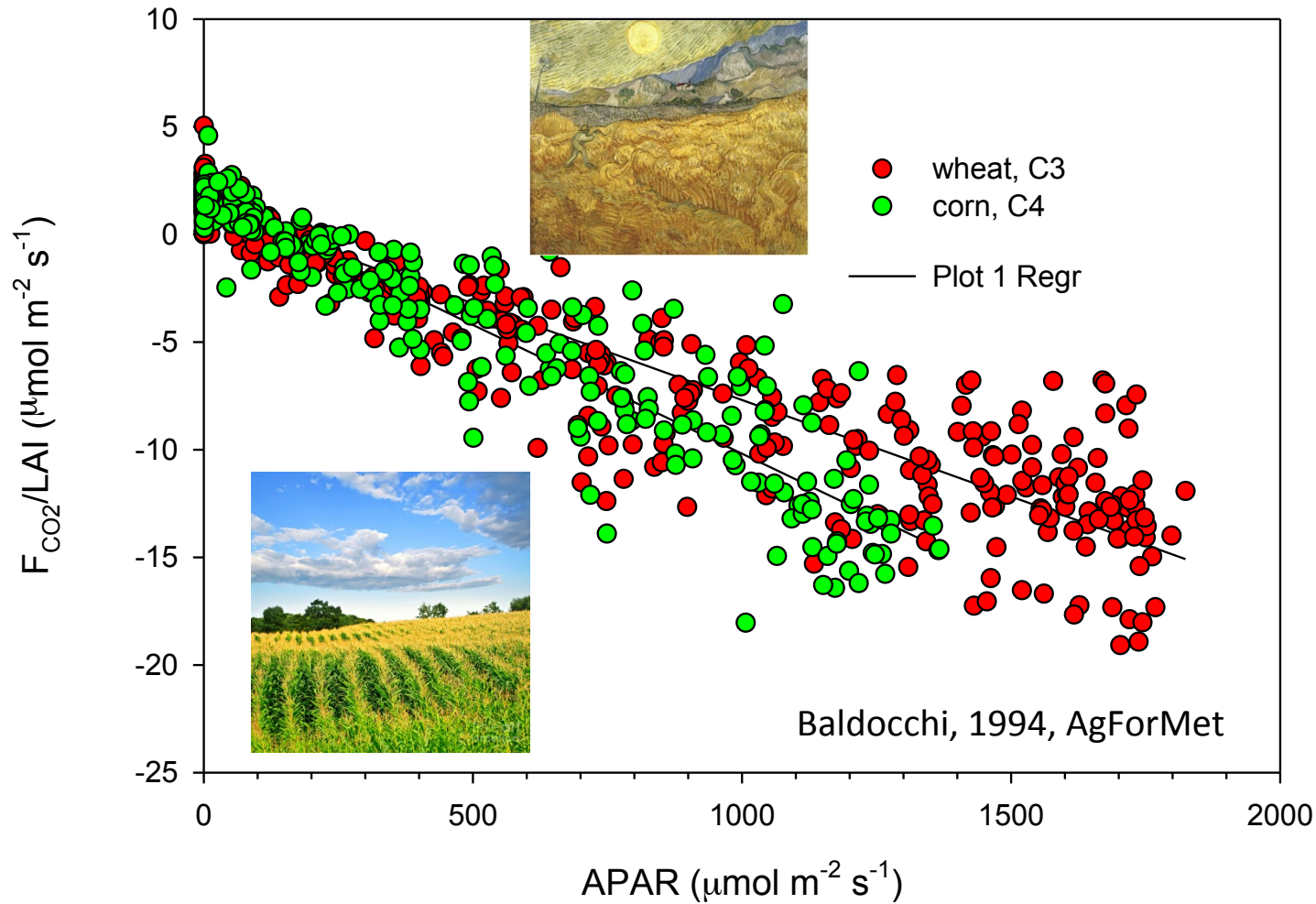
Upscaling Photosynthesis:

Light Use Efficiency and Gross Primary Productivity

$$GPP = LUE * APAR * f(T_k)$$



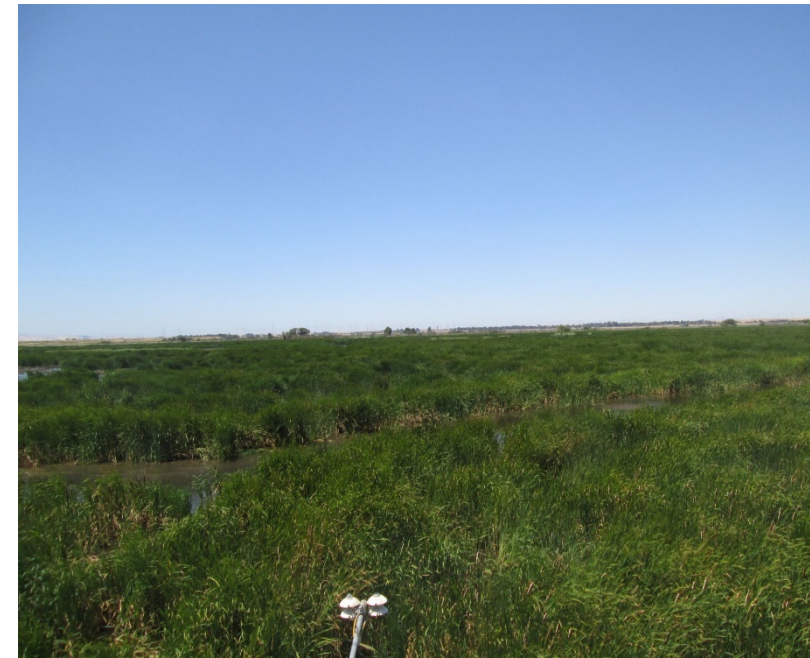
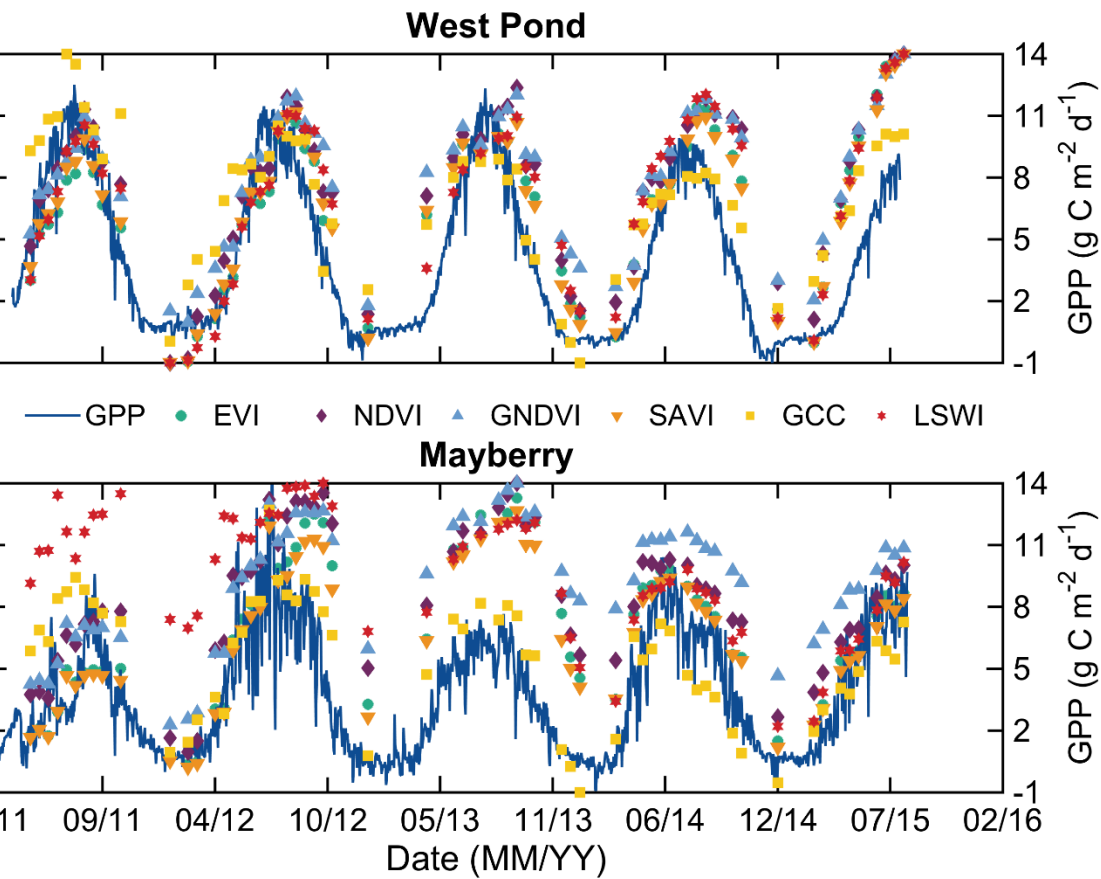
Net Carbon Exchange of Wheat, C₃, and Corn, C₄. Crops with Absorbed Light



Simple Systems, Light Absorption Explains over 80% of Variance in CO₂ Exchange!;
Basis for Satellite Remote Sensing of Global Photosynthesis

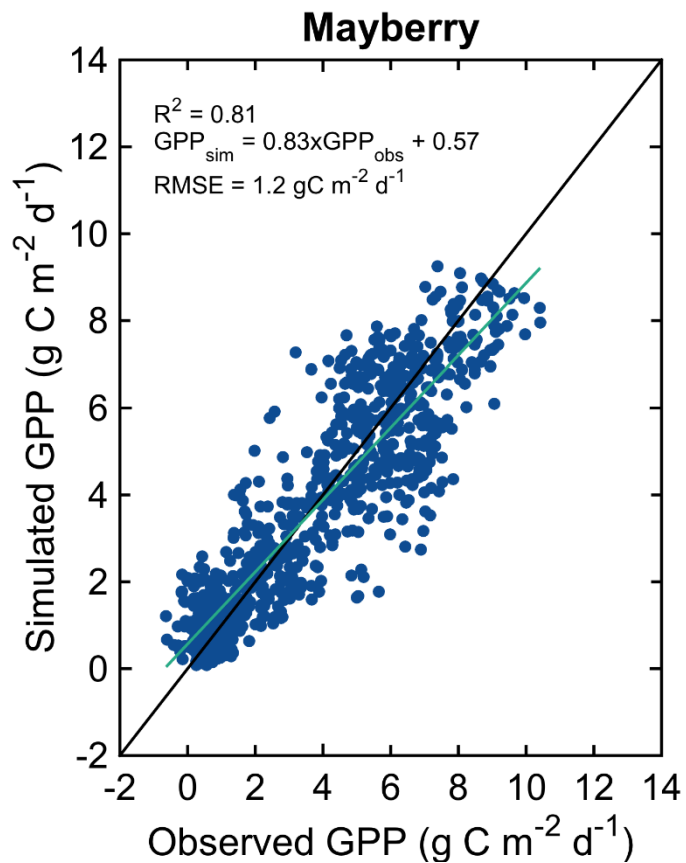
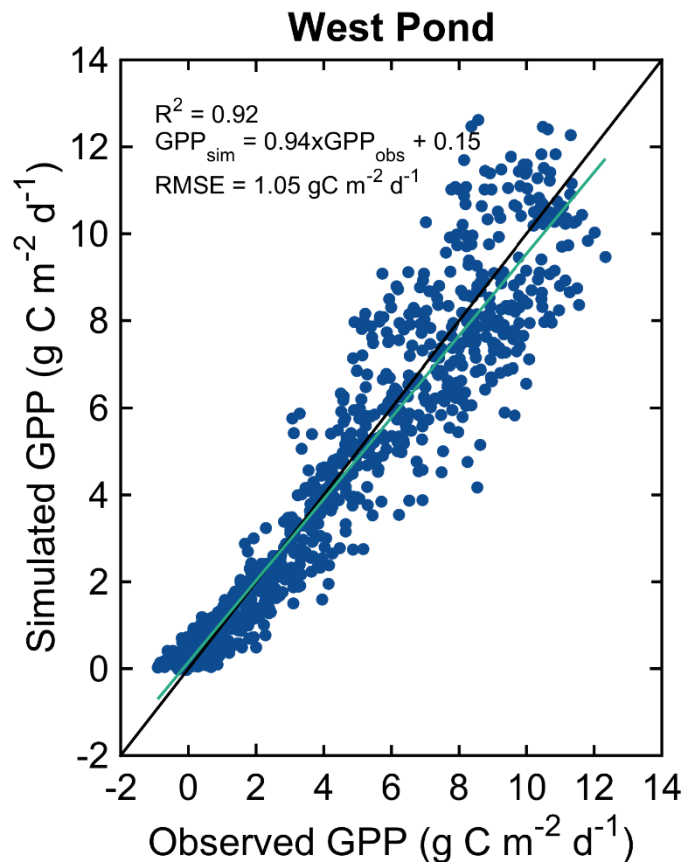
Digital Cameras Provide Information on Dynamics of Vegetation Indices

$$FPAR=0.95(1-\exp(-k*LAI))$$

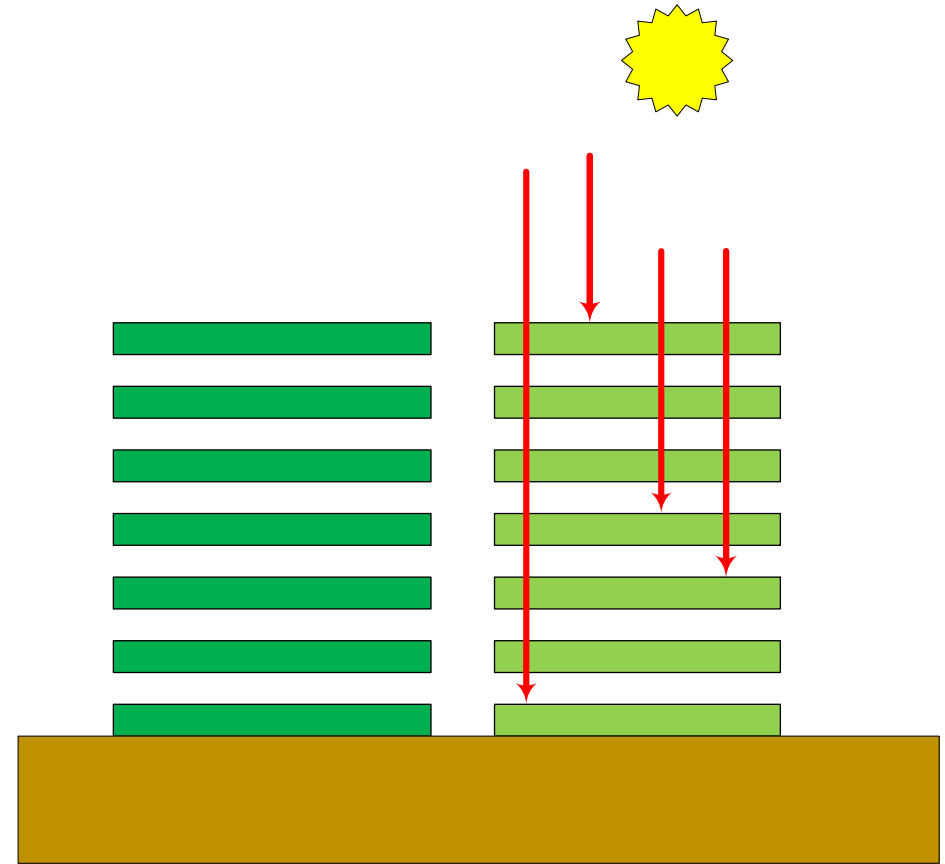
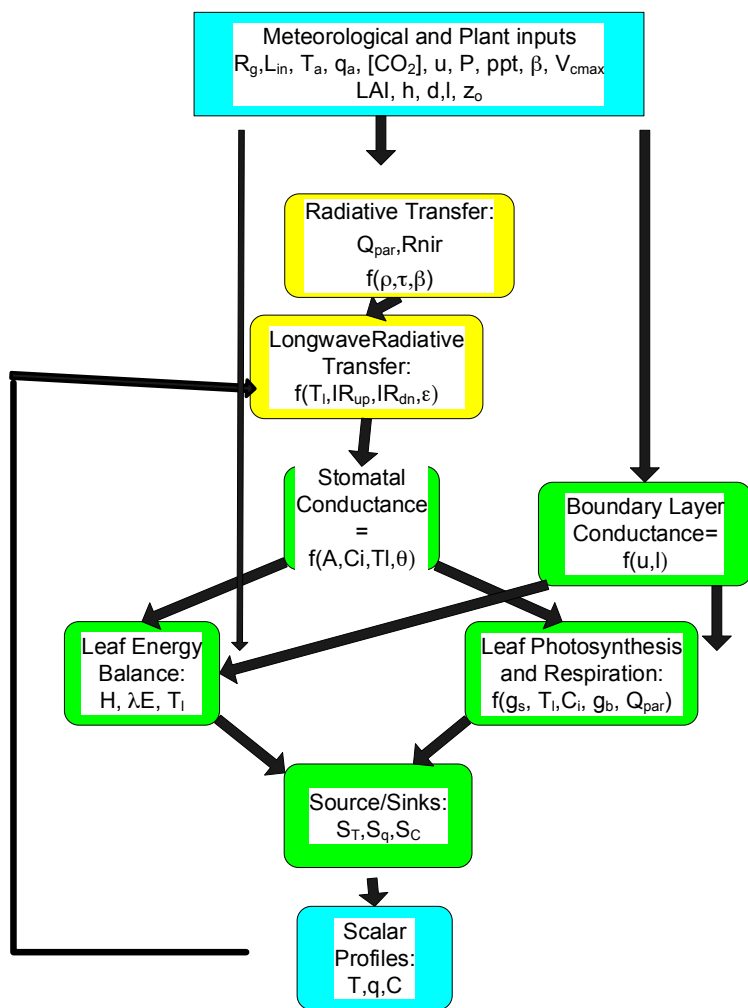


Estimate GPP with Vegetation Index Information from Digital Cameras (RGB)

$$GPP = \varepsilon \cdot (a_0 + a_1 VI) \cdot PAR$$

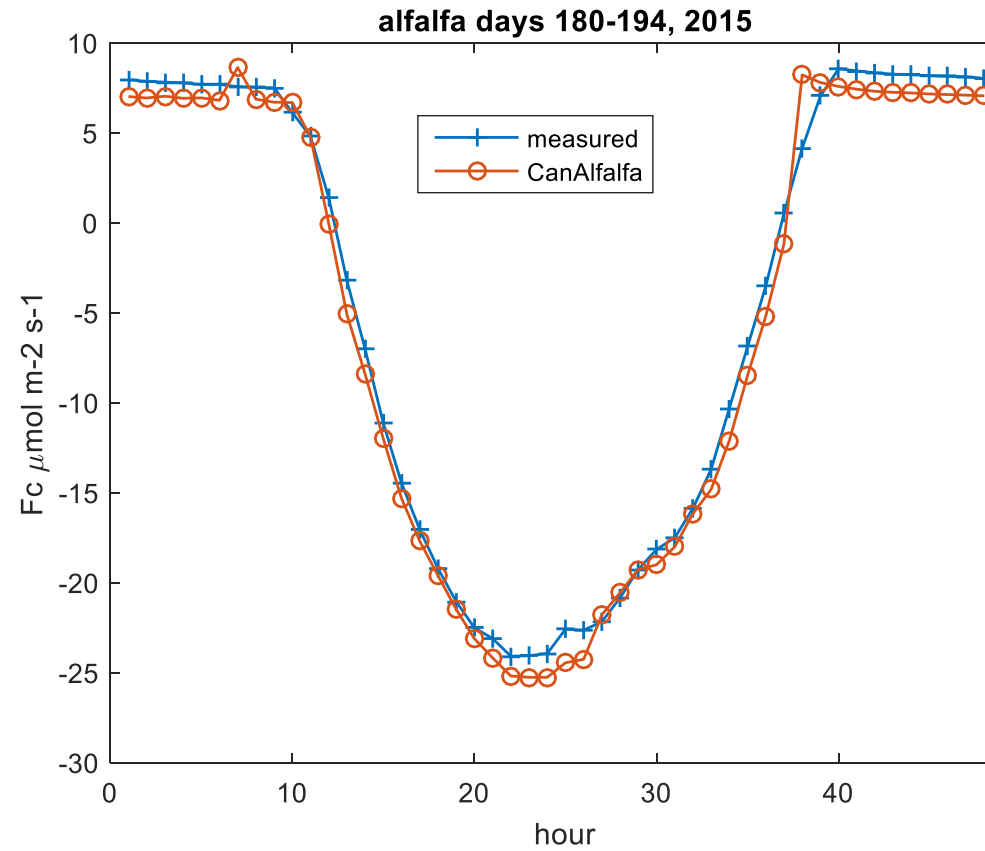
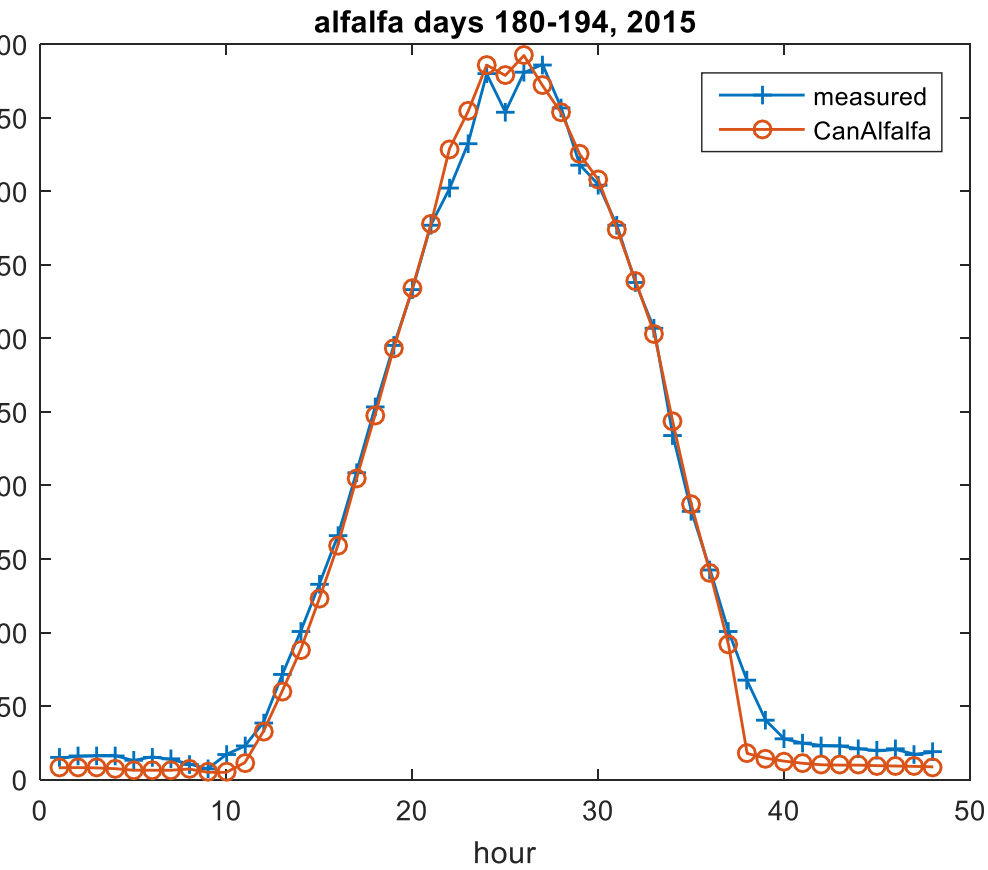


MEG, Multi-Layer, coupled photosynthesis-stomatal conductance-energy balance model

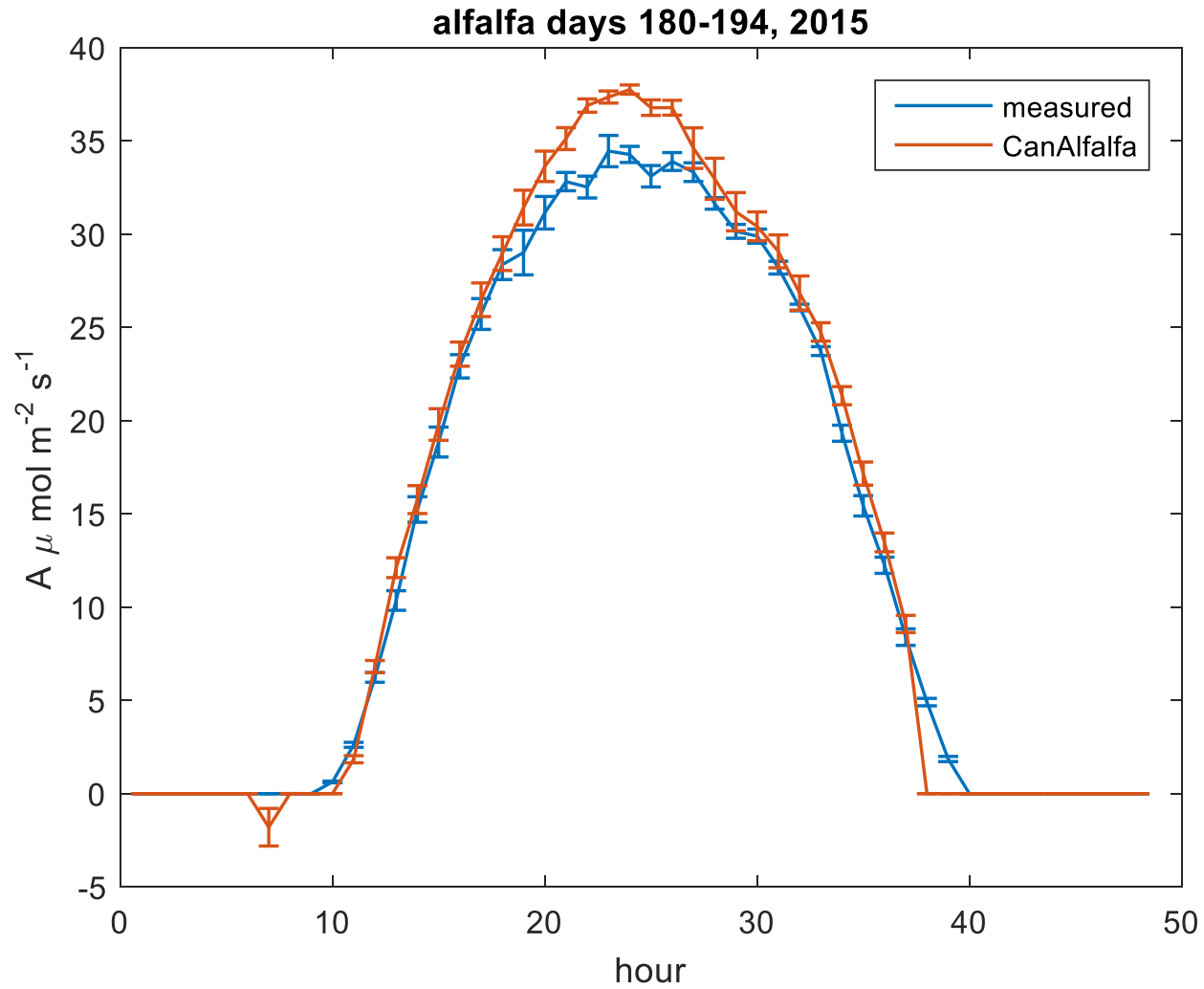


Inputs: Meteorological Conditions, Leaf Area Index, V_{cmax};
No Tuning!

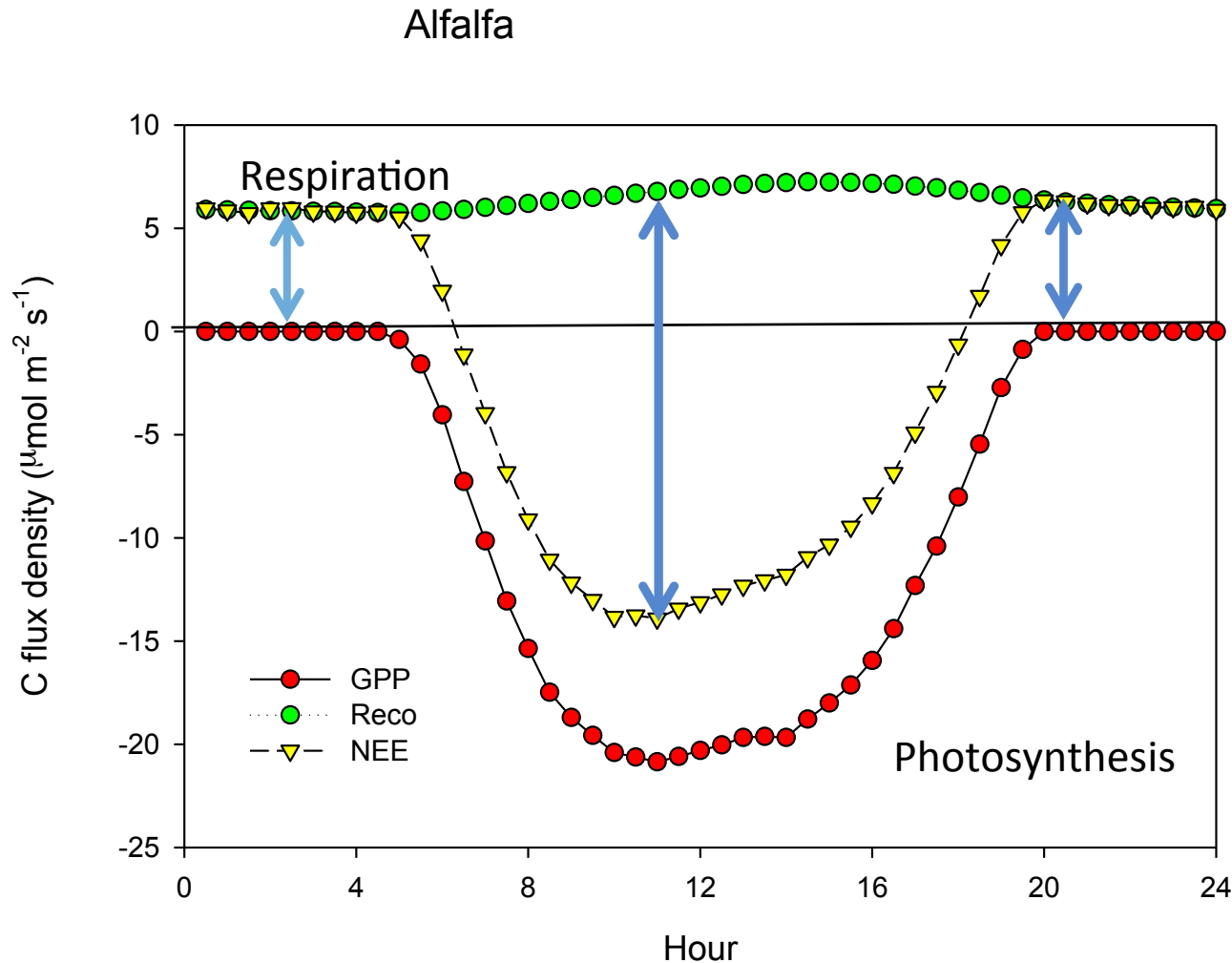
Latent Heat and Net Ecosystem Carbon Exchange



Canopy Photosynthesis, A , given Meteorology, LAI and V_{cmax}



Do We Trust Canopy Photosynthesis Test Data?



Can We Extrapolate Night
Respiration to Day as
Function of Temperature?

Is Dark Respiration
Inhibited in Light due to
Kok Effect?

Deduce Photosynthesis and Respiration from Diel Course of NEE

An Artifact of Spurious Correlation Among NEE, GPP and R_{eco} ?

Closure Problem of One Equation and Two Unknowns

$$NEE = GPP + Reco$$

Correlation using Day/Night Sampling

$$G = NEE_{day} - R_{eco,day} = x - z$$

$$R = NEE_{night} + R_{eco,day} = y + z$$

Self correlation

$$r_{sc} = \frac{\overline{-z'z'}}{(\overline{x'x' + z'z'})^{1/2} (\overline{y'y' + z'z'})^{1/2}}$$

$$r_{sc} = -0.157$$

alfalfa

System of Equations with New and Independent Information from ^{13}C

$$NEE = GPP + Reco$$

Fluxes of the stable isotope $^{13}\text{CO}_2$

$$isoflux = \delta^{13}C_r \cdot R_{eco} + (\delta^{13}C_a - \Delta) \cdot GPP$$

Eddy covariance (1 Hz) with closed path CO_2 isotope analyzer
CCIA-48 Los Gatos Research

Mid infrared quantum cascade laser with high precision

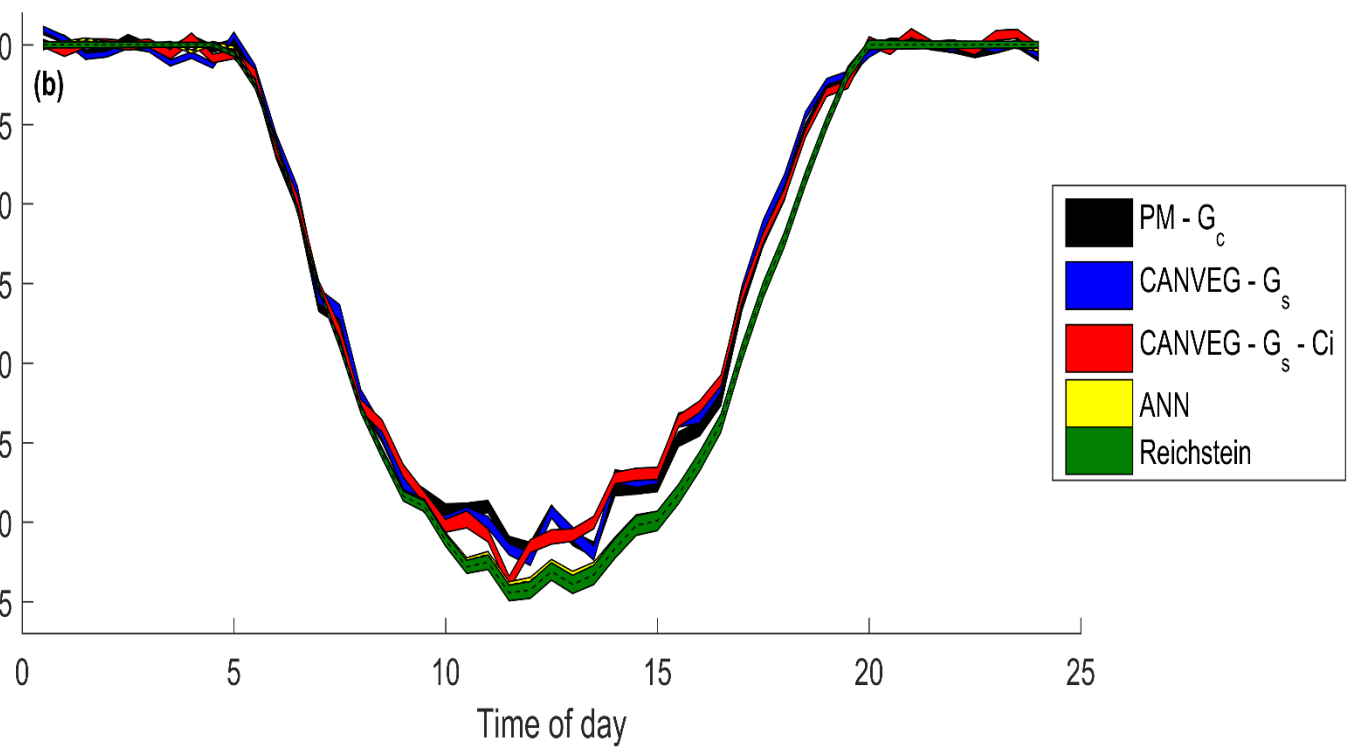
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$: 0.7 per mill, $^{13}\text{CO}_2$: 2 ppb



Bowling Method



Tests of Three Ways to Partition NEE into GPP: Methods ~ are Intercomparable



Alfalfa, Summer, 2015

Method	GPP
	cumulative (g CO ₂ -C m ⁻²)
Isotope	-190 ± 5
ANN	-210 ± 4
Reichstein	-213 ± 5

Continuous Soil Respiration



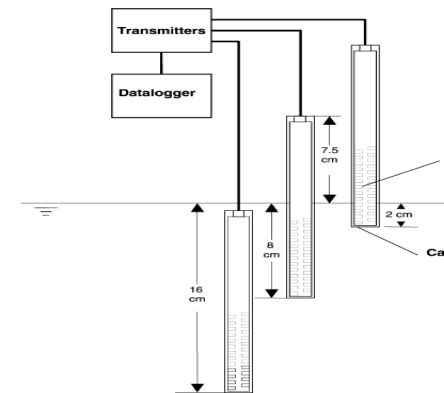
- Continuous Soil CO2 Efflux Measurement Systems

- Profile method (n=2)

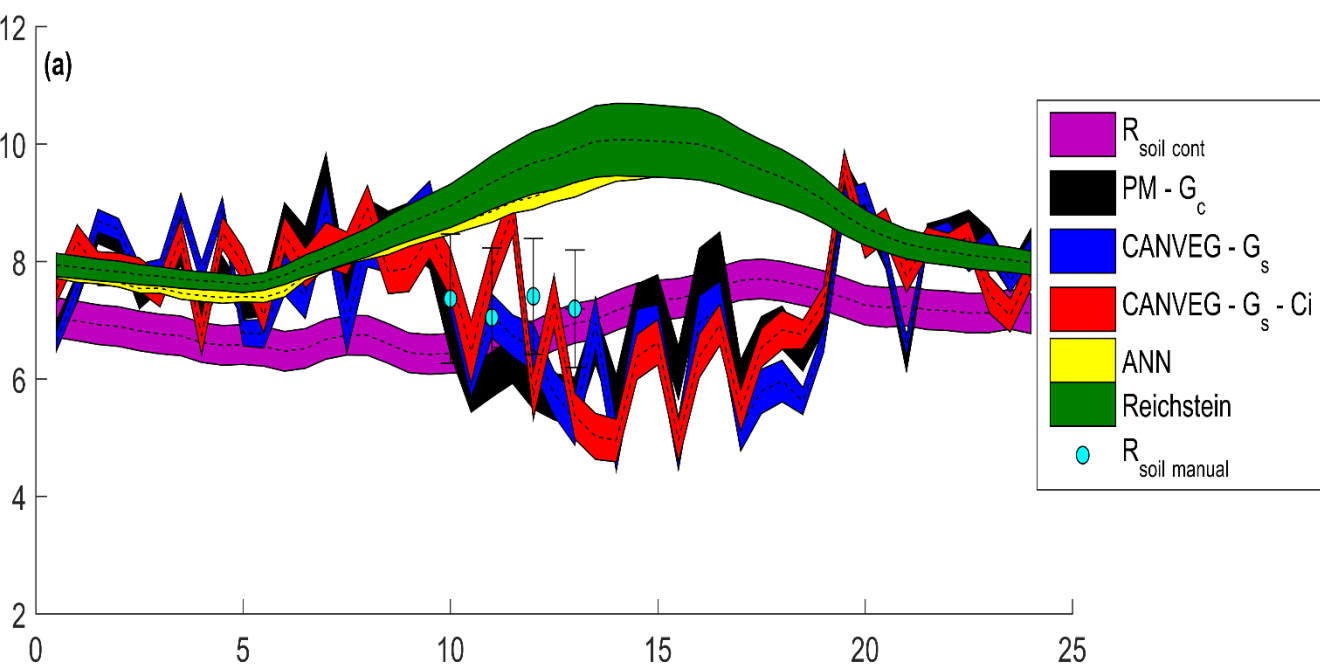
$$R_{soil} = -D_s \frac{dC}{dz}$$

- Forced diffusion chamber (n=1)

$$R_{soil} = G_{diff}(C_{chamb} - C_{atm})$$



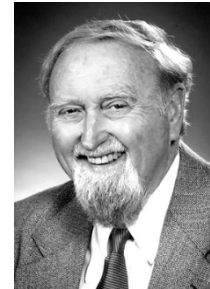
Measured and Modeled CO2 Efflux Data are Intercomparable



Method	R_{eco} cumulative (g CO ₂ -C m ⁻²)
Isotope	115 ± 5
ANN	132 ± 3
Reichstein	135 ± 5
R_{soil}	108 ± 5

New Math to Look at Cause and Effect

- Artificial Neural Networks
- Granger Causality
- Transfer Entropy
- Shannon Entropy
- Mutual Information Theory



Artificial Neural Networks

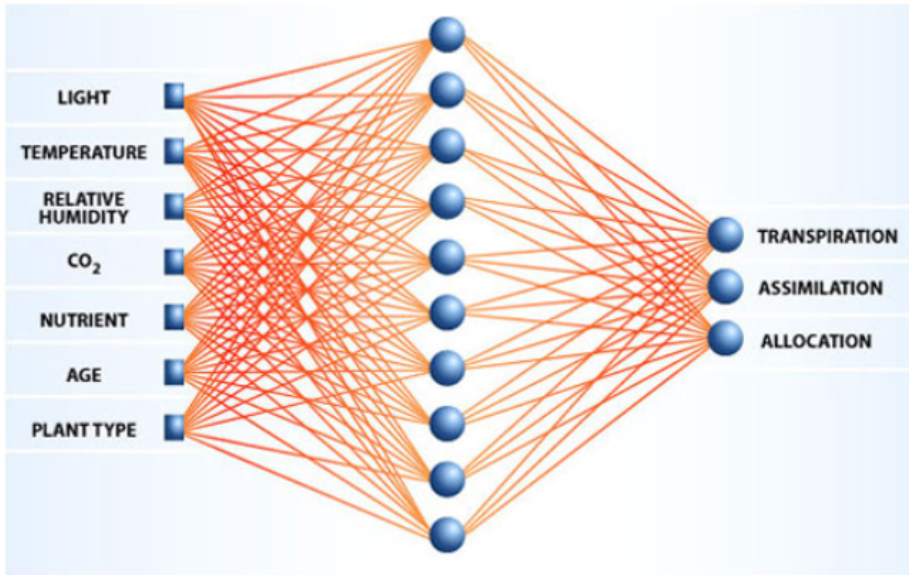
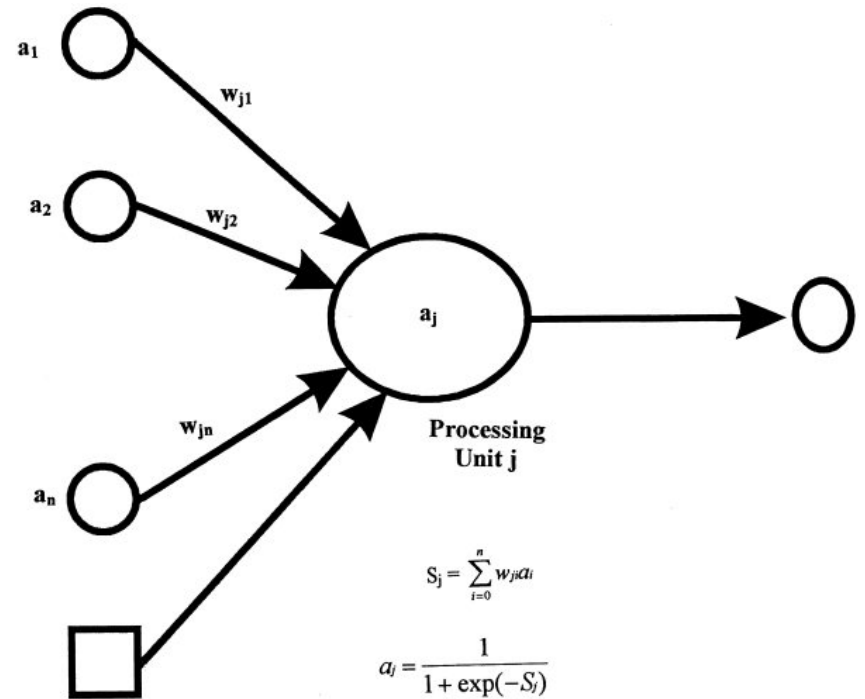


Fig.1 Layer Structure of Neurons and their connections^[1]



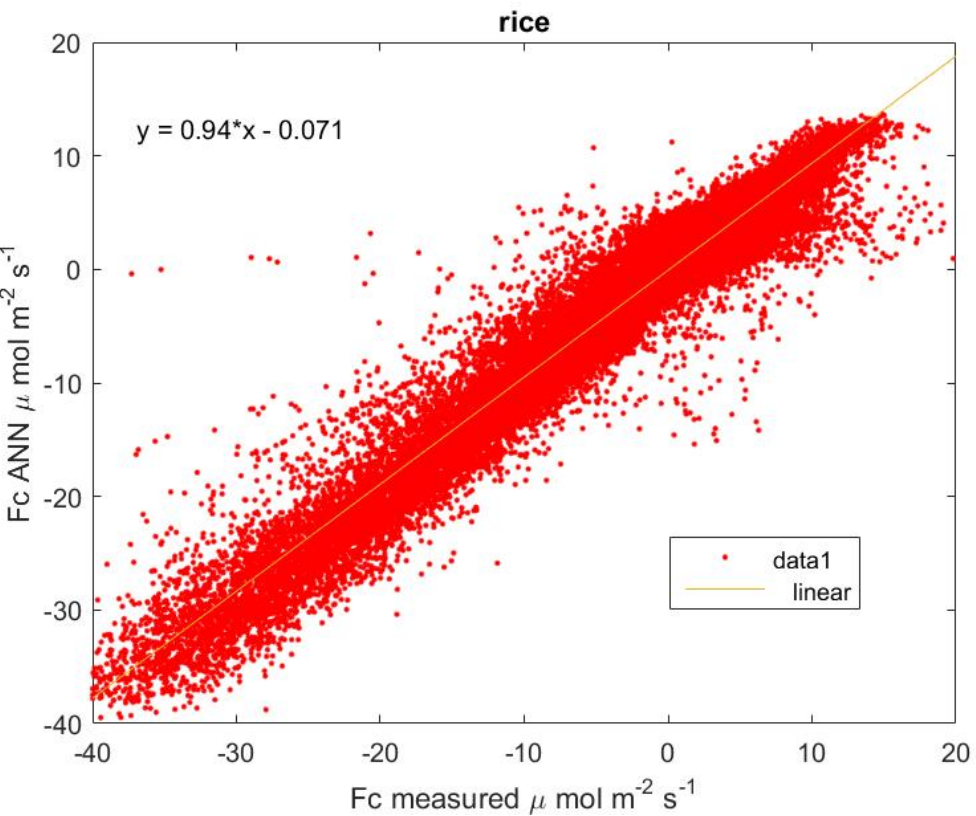
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Cancer

[Volume 91, Issue S8](#), pages 1615-1635, 17 APR 2001 DOI: 10.1002/1097-0142(20010415)91:8+<1615::AID-CNCR1175>3.0.CO;2-L

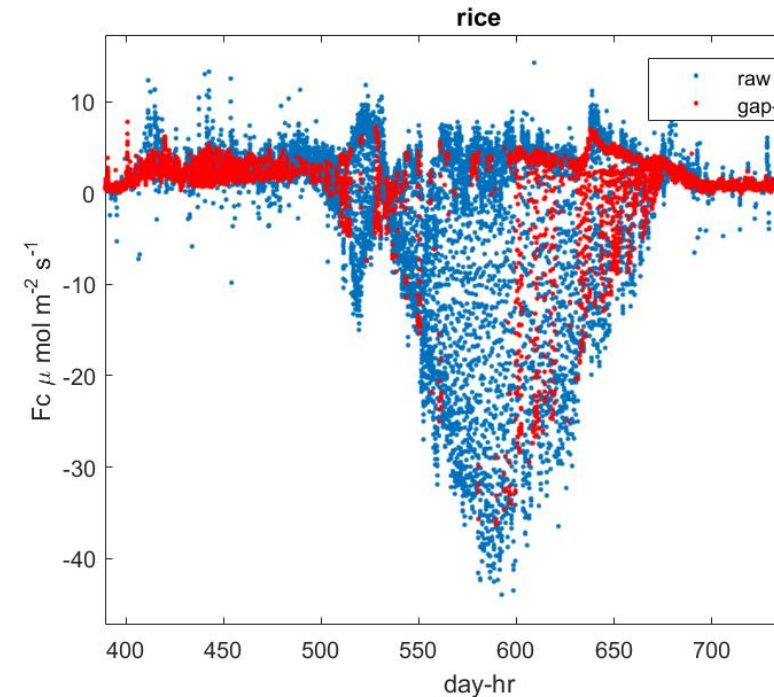
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Neural Network CO2 Fluxes (Fc) vs Measurements



Inputs:

TA
PAR
VPD
WT_gf
ustar
Mdate

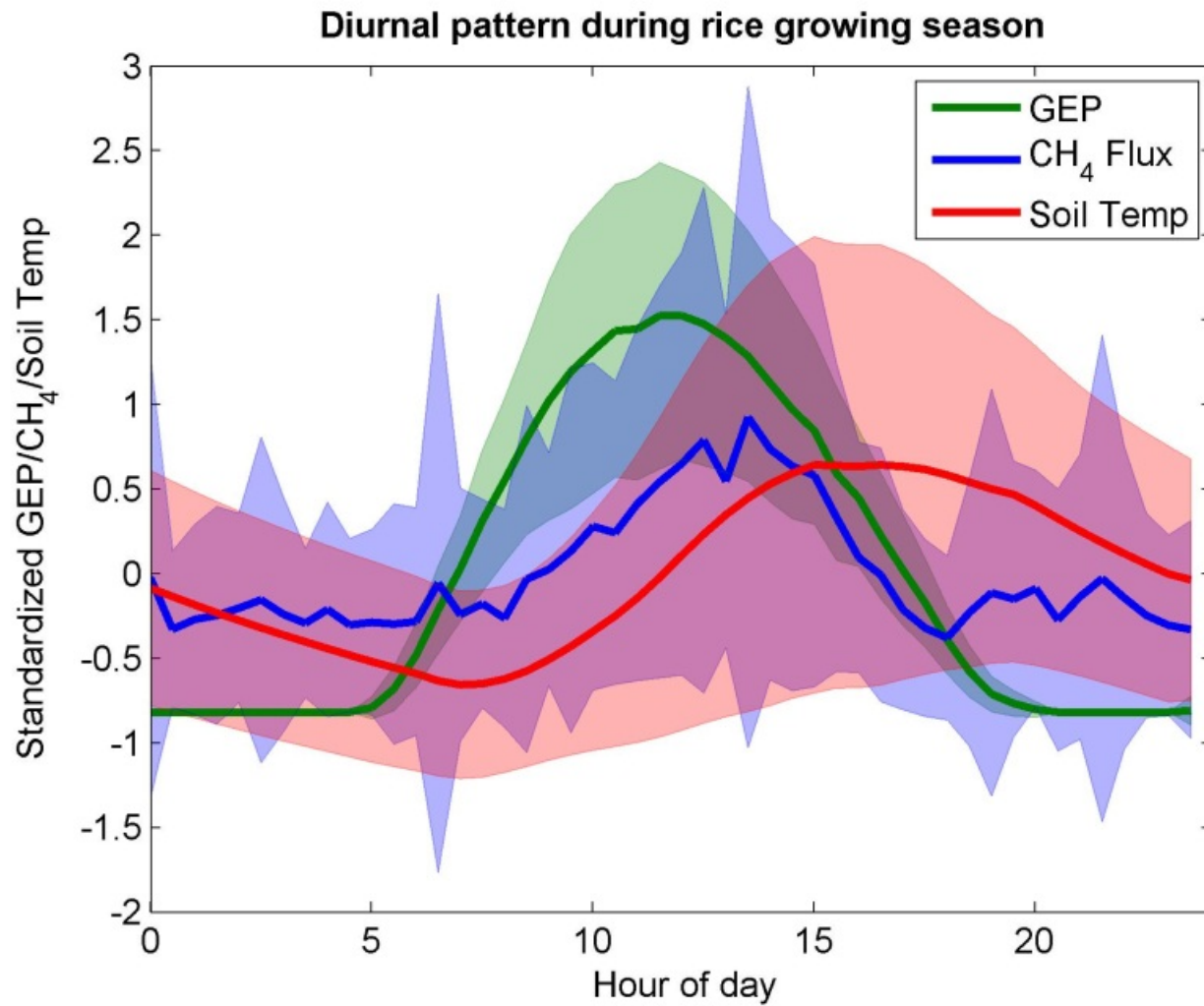


Biophysical Controls on Methane Fluxes

		Pairwise	Stepwise Linear		Neural Network	
		r^2	r^2	AIC	r^2	AIC
Growing season						
2009-2015	GEP	0.622	0.386	2853	0.258	7704
	WTD	0.575	0.424	2793	0.462	7431
	ER	0.168	0.458	2737	0.713	6853
	LE	0.452	0.469	2718	0.751	6716
	u_*	0.147	0.470	2718	0.765	6671
	T_a	0.309	0.471	2717	0.814	6462
	T_s	0.195	0.474	2712	0.825	6420

Neural Network Expl
of variance in Me
Fluxes

Photosynthesis Primes Methane Production in Rice, which Leads Temperature



Hatala et al. GRL 2012

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Granger causality: A measure of coupling with explicit time directionality

Compare the bivariate model:

$$x_n = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{1,j} x_{n-j} + \sum_{j=1}^m a_{2,j} y_{n-j} + \varepsilon_n$$

To the univariate case:

$$x_n = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j x_{n-j} + \eta_n$$

Calculate G-causality:

$$G_{y \rightarrow x} = \ln \frac{\sigma_{\eta}^2}{\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2}$$

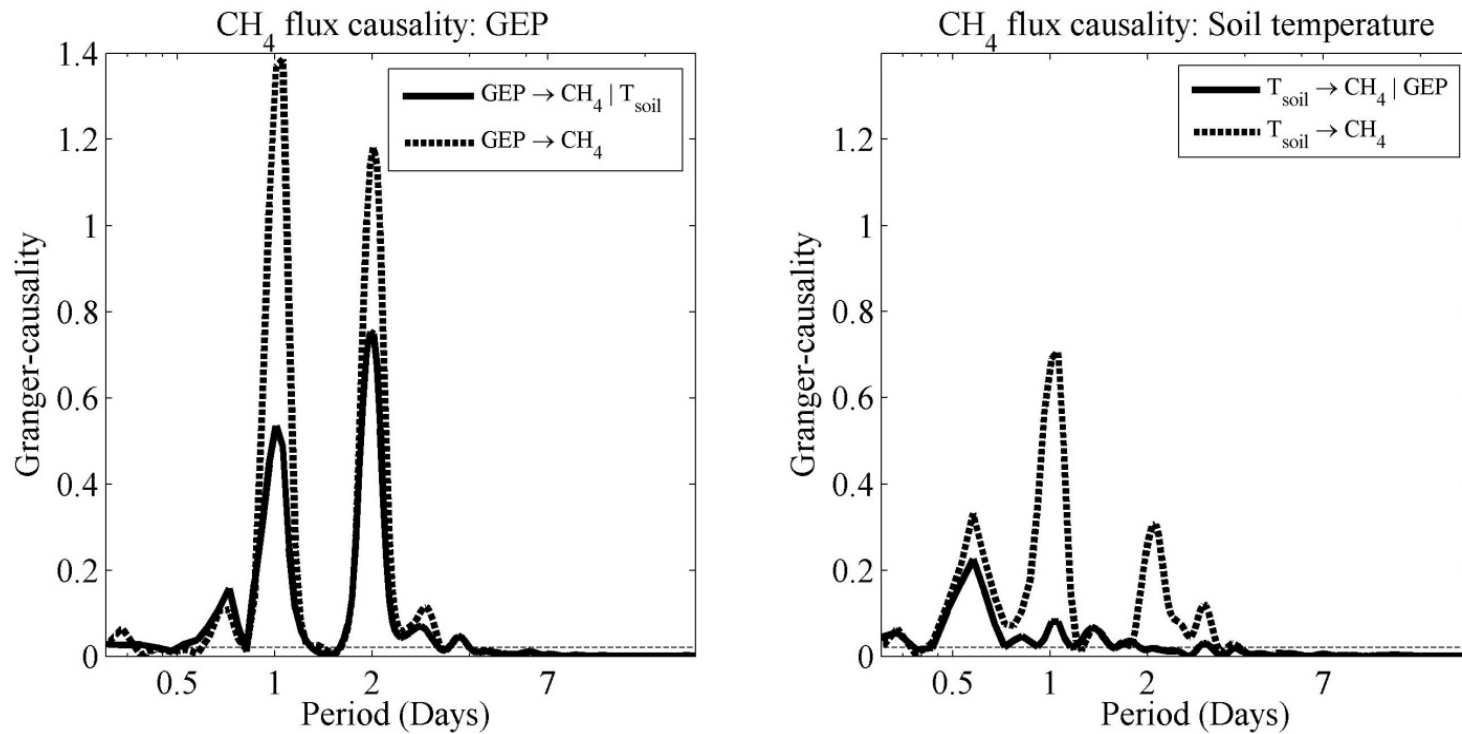
No interaction, $G \approx 0$

Interaction, $G > 0$

A variable, x, Granger Causes
y if the bivariate equation outperforms
The univariate

Detto et. al., *Am. Nat.* [2012]
Geweke, *JASA* [1982]
Dhamala, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* [2008]
Chen, *J. Neurosci. Meth.* [2006]

Methane scales with Photosynthesis, better than Temperature



Hatala et al. GRL 2012

Mutual Information

$$I_{XY} = \sum_{x_t} \sum_{y_t} p(x_t, y_t) \log_2 \frac{p(x_t, y_t)}{p(x_t)p(y_t)}$$

(9)

$$I_{XY} = H_X + H_Y - H_{XY}$$

Relative Mutual Information

$$I_{XY}^R = I_{XY} / H_Y$$

Shannon Entropy

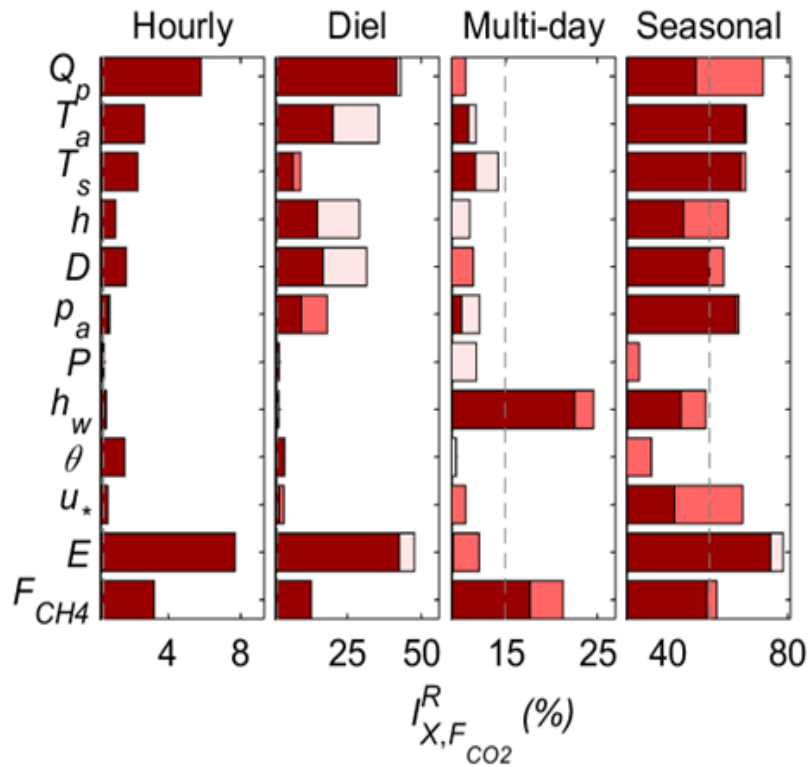
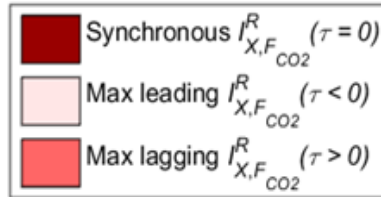
$$H_X = - \sum_{x_t} p(x_t) \log_2 p(x_t)$$

$$H_Y = - \sum_{y_t} p(y_t) \log_2 p(y_t)$$

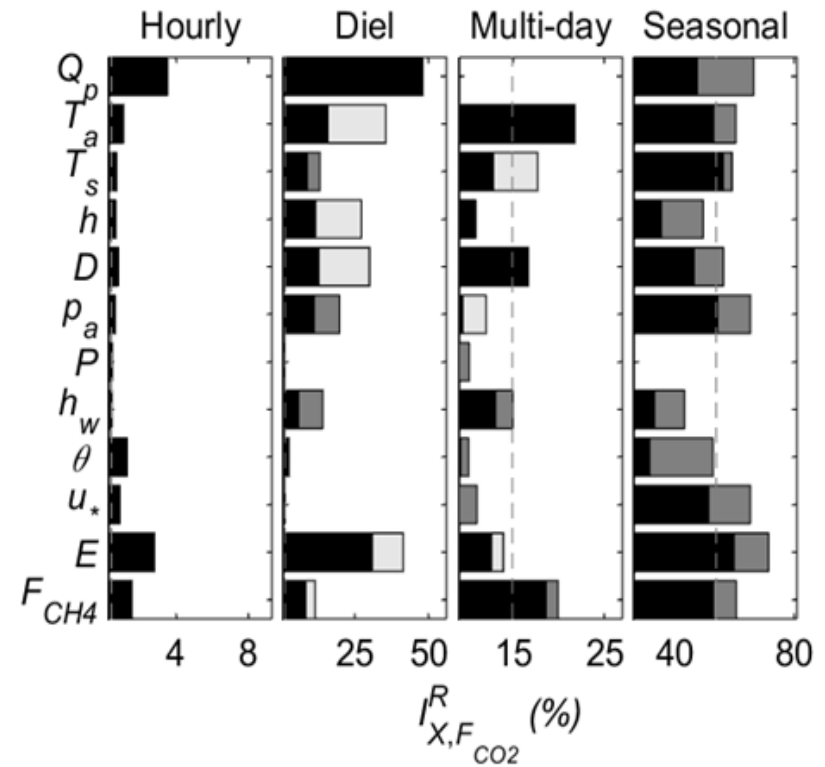
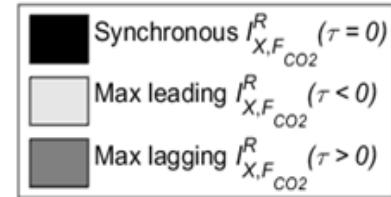
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Relative Information on CO₂ Flux

a) Old F_{CO_2}



b) Young F_{CO_2}



Summary

With a Suite of Models and Mathematical Tools We Can Deduce the Roles of Biophysical Drivers on Greenhouse Gas Fluxes across a Spectrum of Time Scales

Simple Models have Potential for Being Used to Inform on Net Carbon Balances for Cap and Trade Markets based on Simple Inputs like Meteorological Conditions and Canopy Greenness

Tests of Canopy Photosynthesis Measurements based on CanVeg Model, Stable Isotopes and Continuous Soil Respiration Measurements Increase our Confidence on Flux Partitioning Methods at these Sites

Over Arching Ideas

You Gotta' Get Photosynthesis Right if You Want to Simulate the Dynamics
Rest of the C-Related Pools, Processes and Fluxes

Soil Trace Fluxes (CO₂ and Methane) are Tied to Recent Photosynthesis

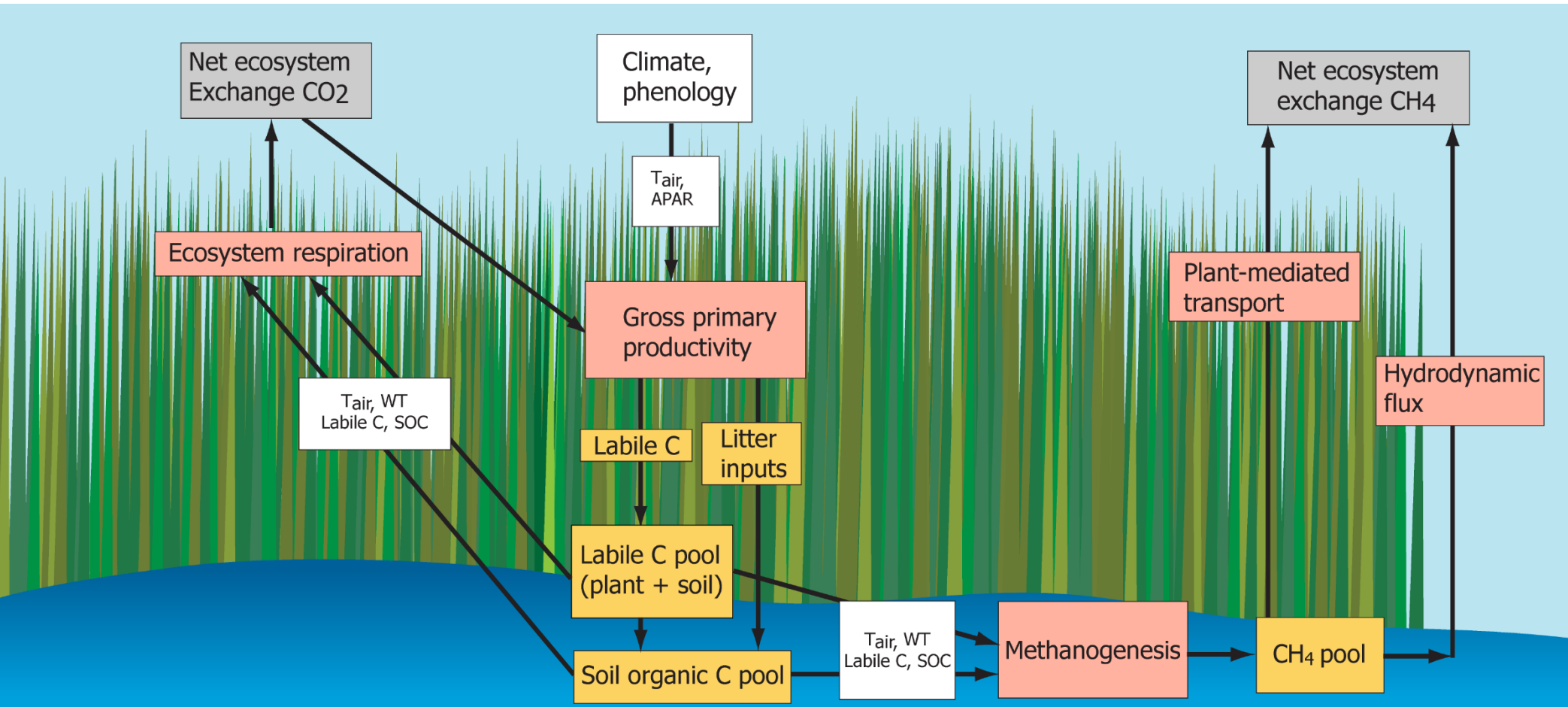
- Old paradigm was simple functions dependent upon soil temperature, soil moisture and water table

Tying a Methane Emission Model to a Simple Photosynthesis model has
Merit

Validating Canopy Photosynthesis Model depends upon how well we can
extract information on GPP from NEE

- New Statistical Model shows Spurious Correlation is Small
- New Stable Isotope Flux Measurements confirm Validity of Standard Flux Partitioning

RMT: Peatland Ecosystem Photosynthesis, Respiration, and Methane Transport Model



RMT Model

Model-data fusion

Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) approach with adaptive Metropolis-Hastings algorithm

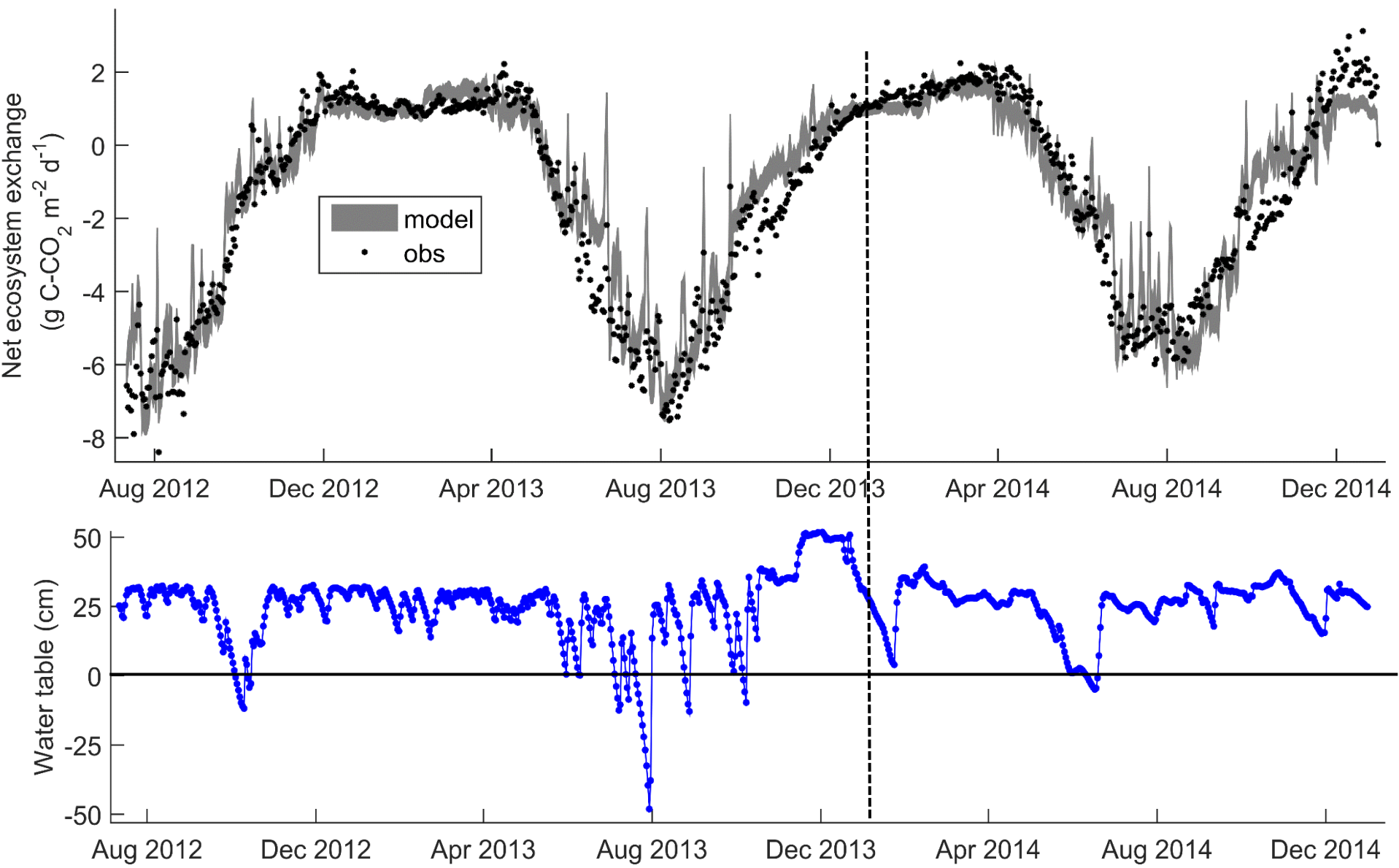
$$J = \sum_{t=1}^N \left(\frac{y(t) - p(t)}{\sigma(T)} \right)^2$$

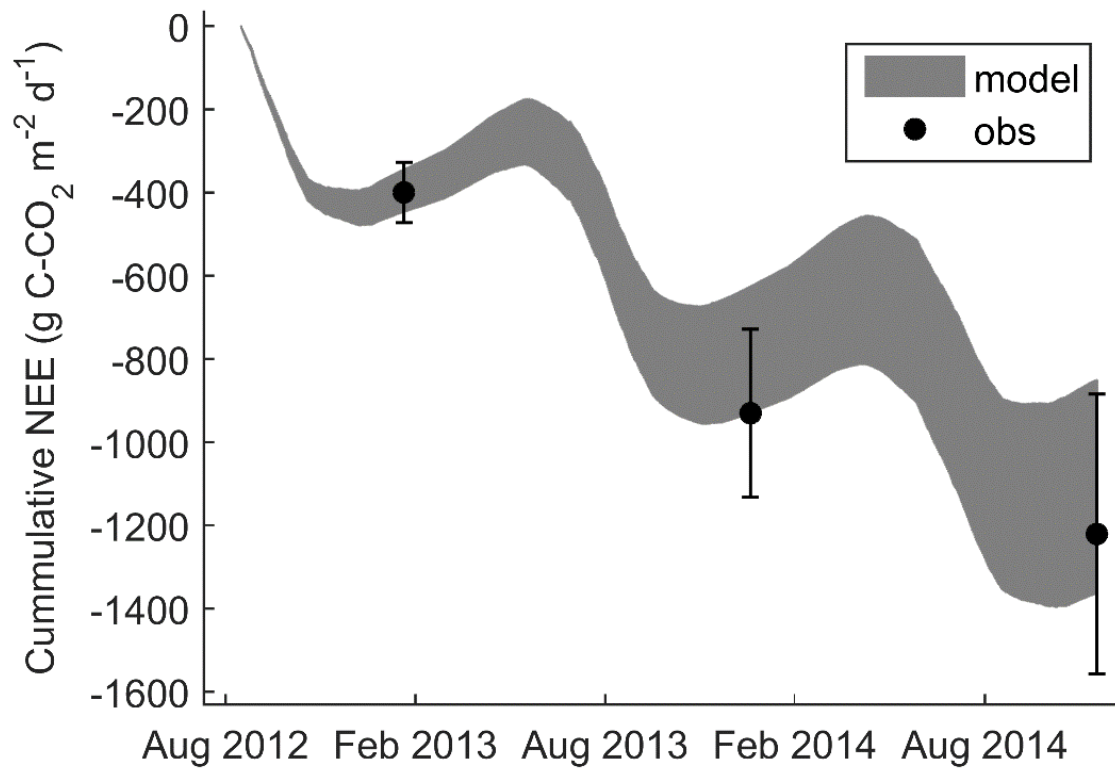
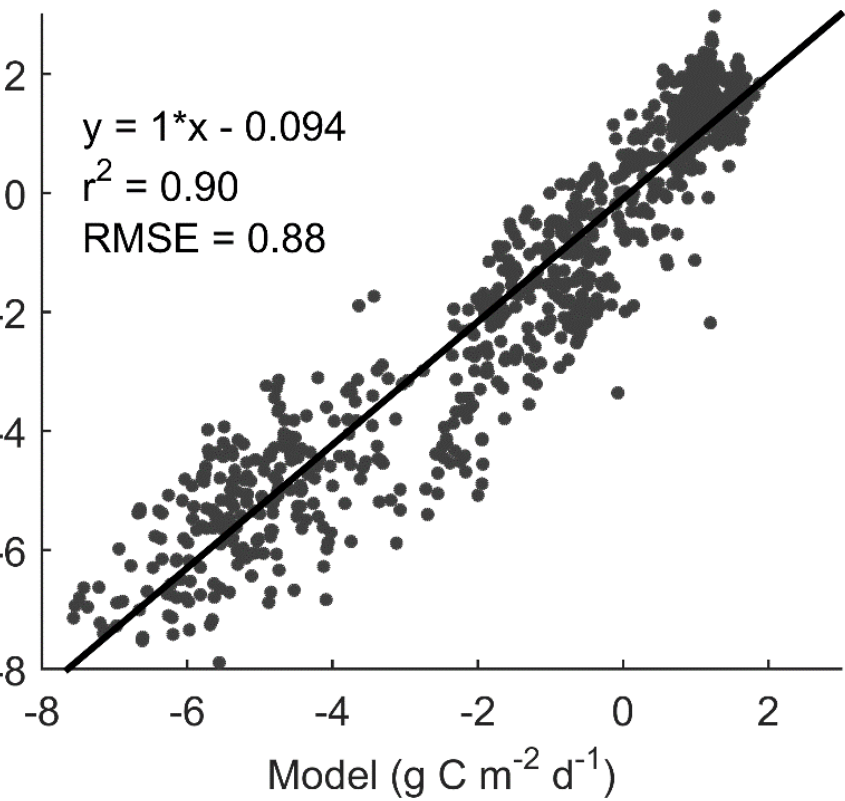
J = data-model mismatch

y = observed flux

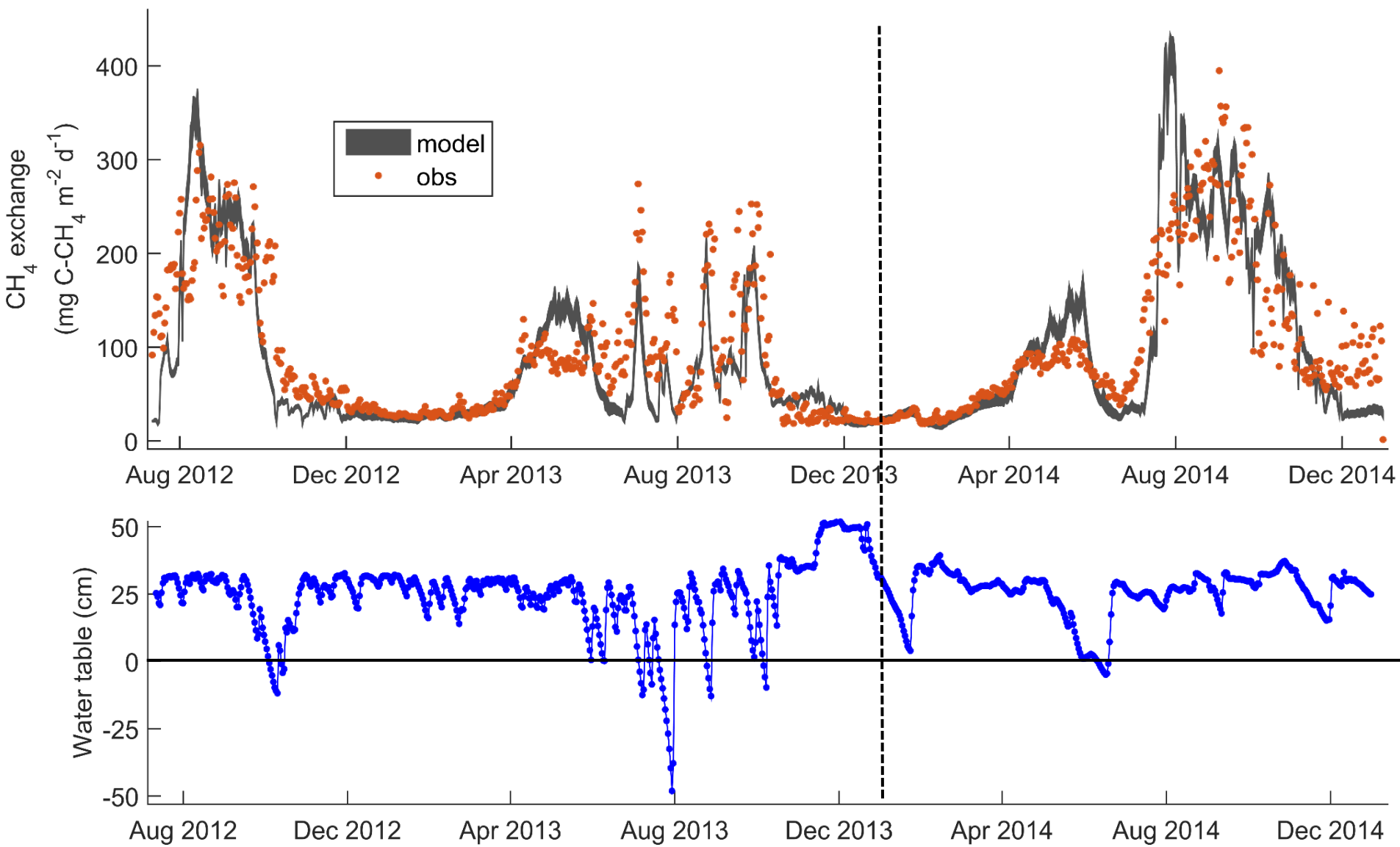
p = modeled flux

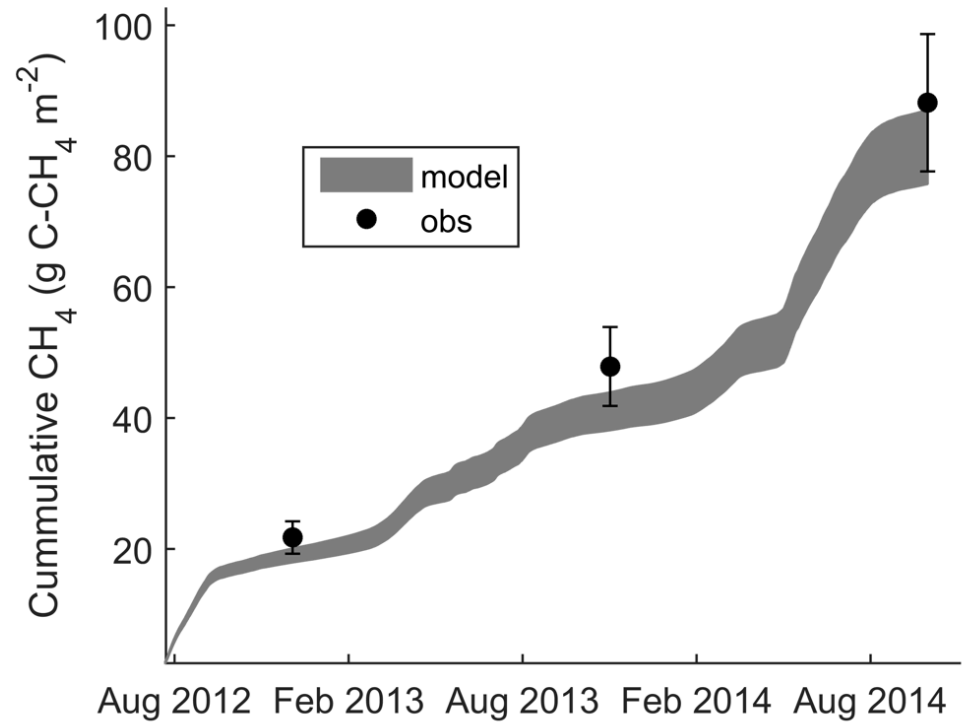
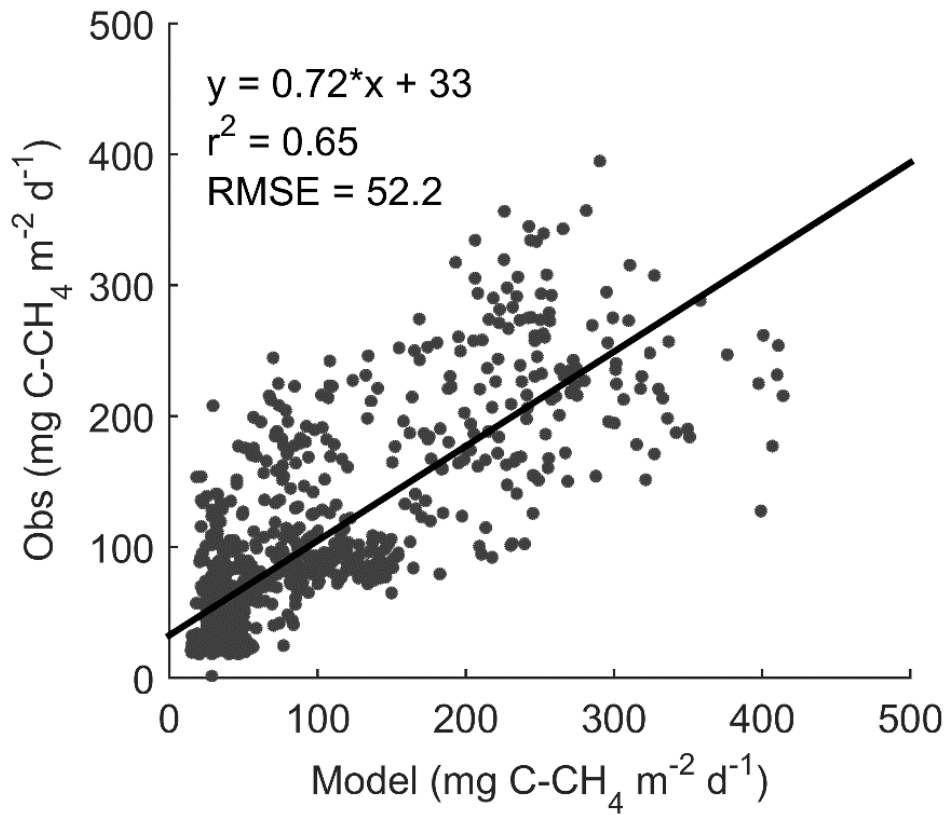
σ = uncertainty in the observed flux (gap-filling + random error)



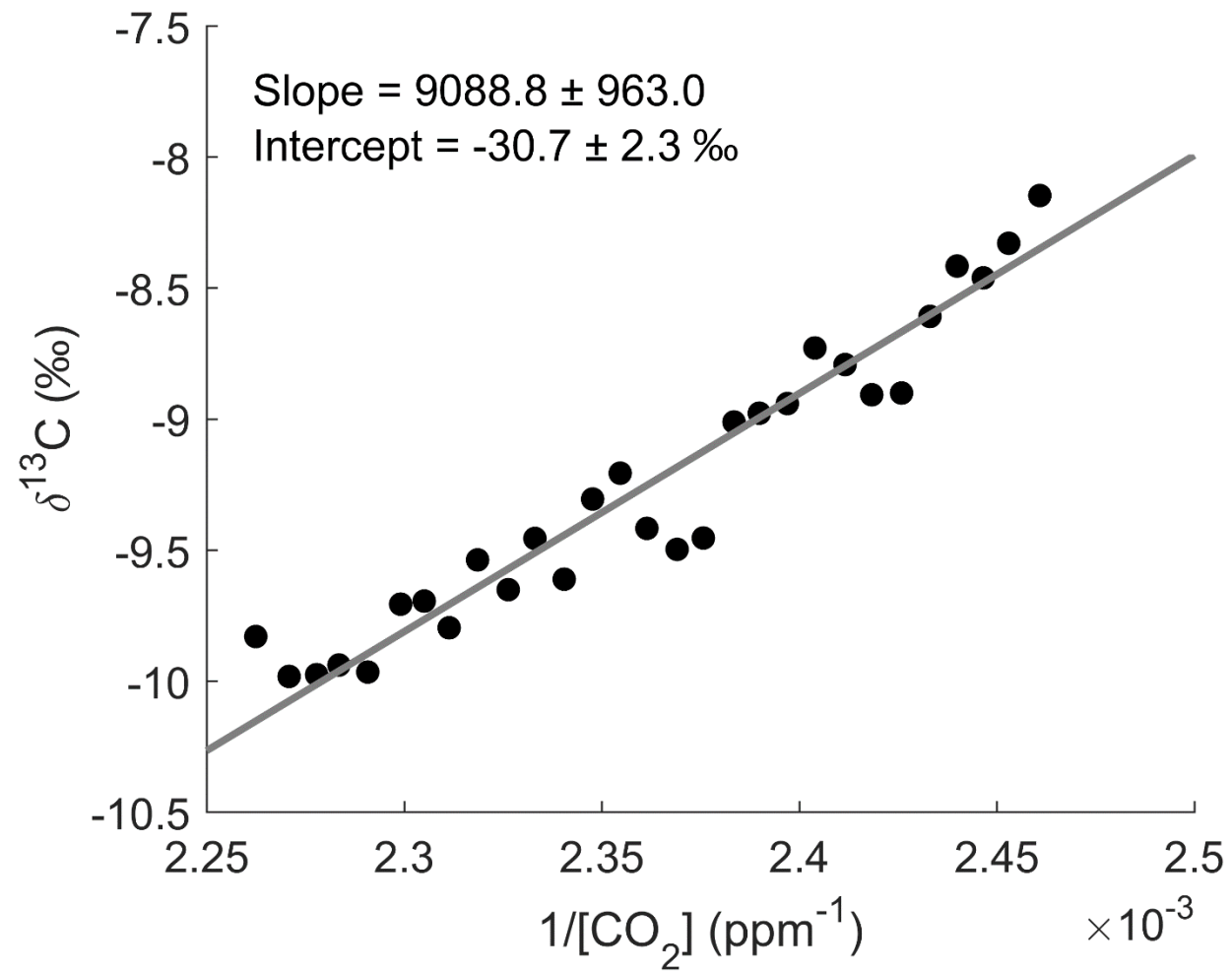


	Parameterization (g CO ₂ -C m ⁻²)	Validation (g CO ₂ -C m ⁻²)
Obs	- 931 ± 202	- 290 ± 134
Model	- 778 ± 152	- 329 ± 105





	Parameterization (g CH ₄ -C m ⁻²)	Validation (g CH ₄ -C m ⁻²)
Obs	48 ± 6	40 ± 4
Model	41 ± 3	40 ± 3



Venue: the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta



Can Be Expressed in Spectral Domain

In frequency (f) domain:

$$I(f)_{y \rightarrow x} = \ln \left\{ \frac{S_{xx}(f)}{S_{xx}(f) - [\mathbf{\Gamma}_{yy} - (\mathbf{\Gamma}_{xy}^2 / \mathbf{\Gamma}_{xx})] |\mathbf{H}_{xy}(f)|^2} \right\}$$

No interaction, $G \approx 0$
Interaction, $G > 0$

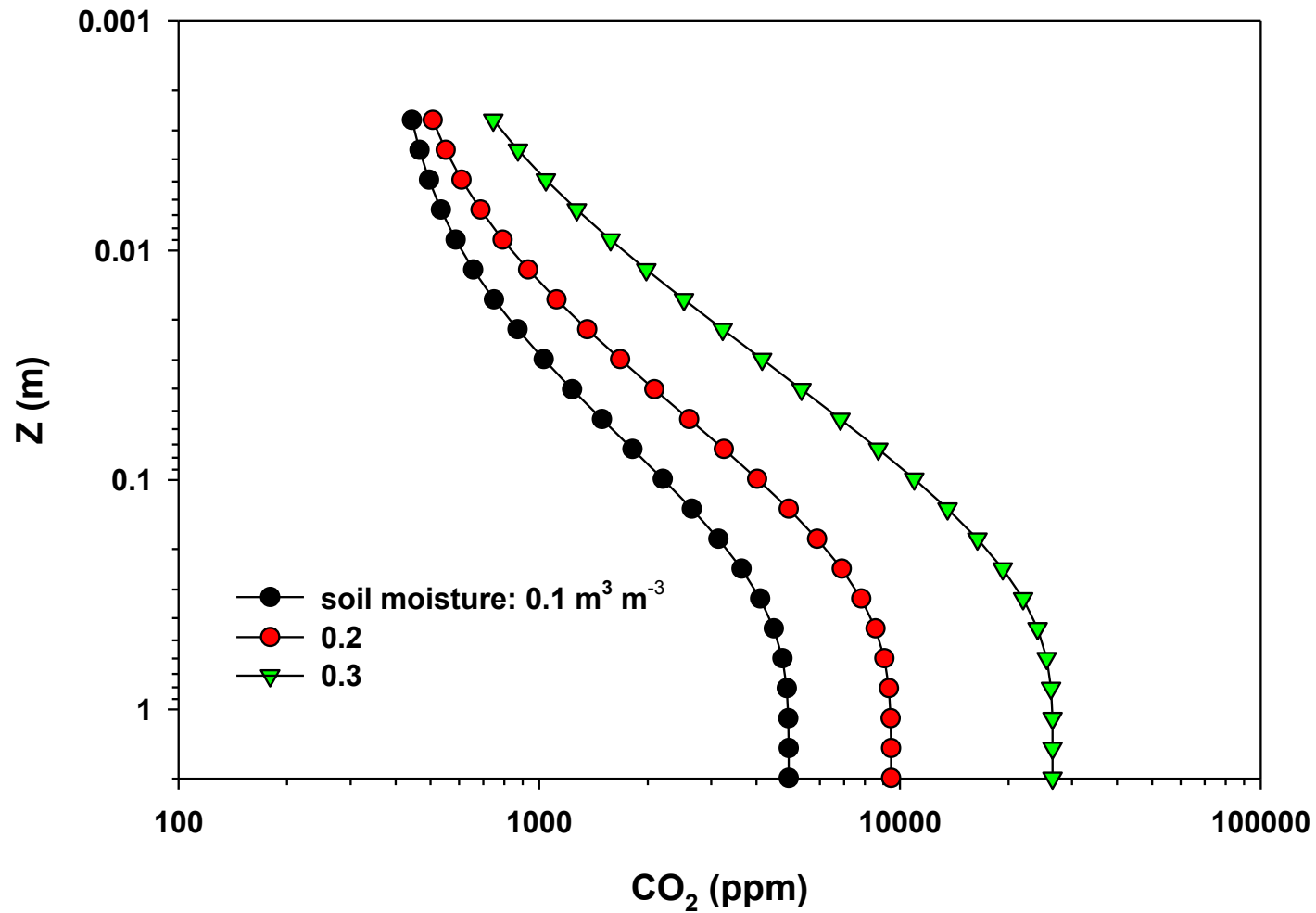
$S_{xx}(f)$ = power spectrum of x at frequency f

$\mathbf{\Gamma}$ = error covariance matrix of the bivariate model

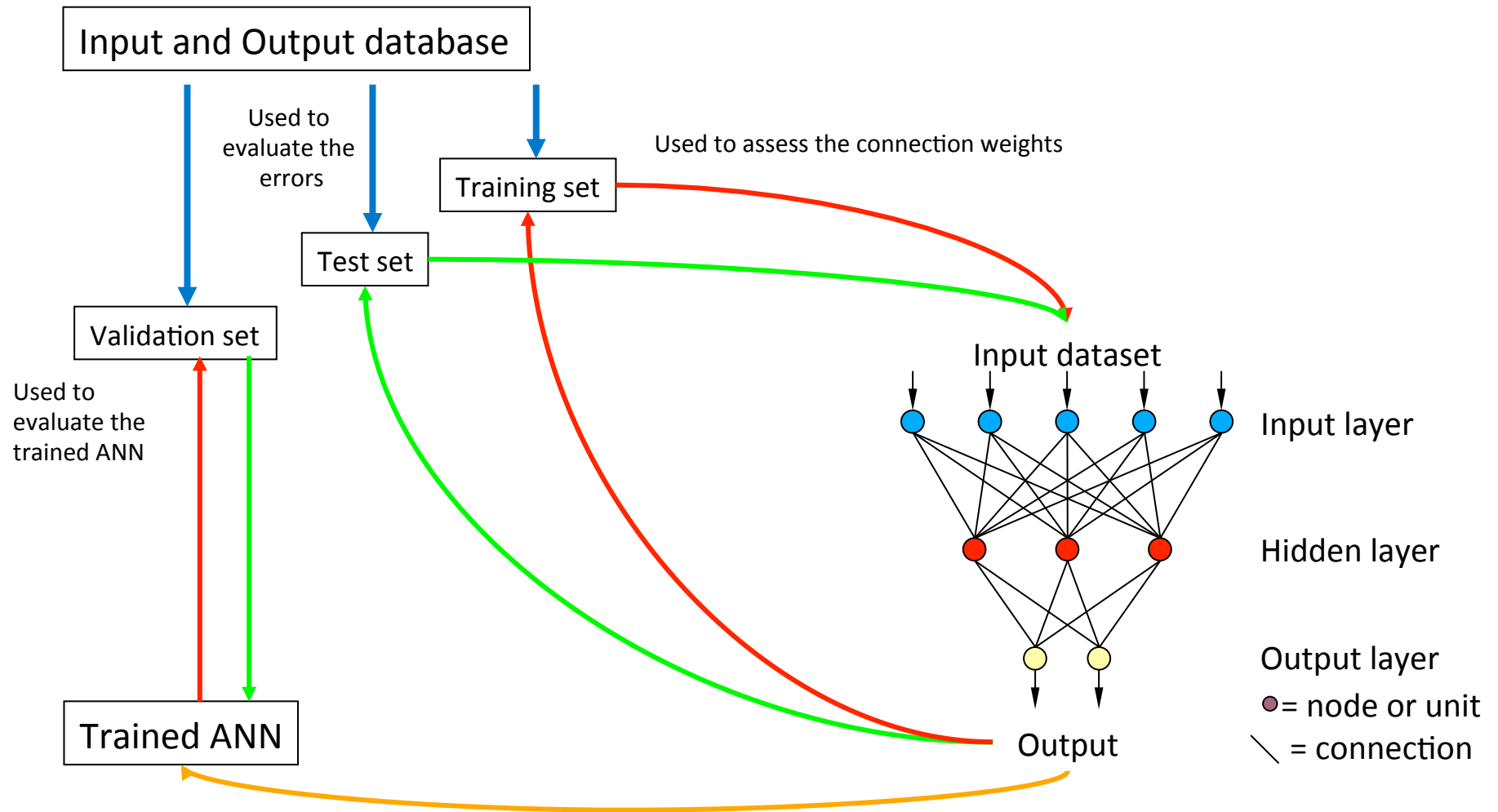
\mathbf{H} = transformation matrix from writing model in Fourier space

Using Models to Design Soil Respiration Studies

Soil Respiration, $F = 3 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$



Artificial Neural Networks training



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